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## Two Accused of Practicing Fraud On Semo Farmers

Col. Matthews is basking in the warm breezes of the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico at Tampa, Florida. Likewise, we are of the opinion that he is basking in the sunshine that Sally Rand spreads around that resort and hotel as the Colonel happens to be stopping at the same hotel as Sally. In a letter to home folks he asked to have The Standard editor tell that he had seen Sally and thought of us, but had not spoken to her. And there is a reason, perhaps, because Mrs. Matthews happens to be with him. Anyway, Colonel if you do happen to meet Sally, I'll be glad to be remembered to her. \*\*\*

It comes to us that a number of married women employees of the shoe factory are expecting the blessed event which will necessitate their positions to be filled by others. We are in hopes those who make the selections will see that unmarried women of Sikeston are selected, because they are in need of employment and they will cash their checks in Sikeston and spend the money with home merchants. If there be no applicants from Sikeston then those living in other towns might be considered. The lack of food, fuel and clothes will force people to do things they abhor and let's hope earnest consideration will be given to our home girls first. \*\*\*

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Thirty-five farmers of ten Southeast Missouri counties have sent complaints to the office of Dr. H. E. Curry, state veterinarian in Jefferson City, the first one arriving January 30 from Dunklin county. Estimated loss to the thirty-five in stock deaths and collection of fees is \$50,000.

In most instances the sickness has been fatal to stock. It was accompanied by an extreme swelling of the glands of the throat and head and in each case had followed within a day after the visit of two strangers at the farms where stock has been affected. Subsequent investigation would reveal that the animals were suffering from the effects of either turpentine or formalin, which had almost certainly been injected in the nostrils or the masticator muscles of the animals throats. \*\*\*

Dr. Curry learned from the Arkansas state veterinarian that a John Davis had practiced in the state south of here as a veterinarian for several years before 1924 under a non-graduate license. It had been revoked on charges that its holder perpetrated similar frauds among Arkansas farmers.

## Clint H. Denman Home Total Loss From Fire

Among those from Dunklin County, who had business at WPA headquarters in Sikeston Tuesday were Drew Vardell, county collector; Irl Jones, banker of Kennett; C. H. Robards, presiding judge of the county court; and C. E. Harrison, of Campbell, associate judge. We enjoyed a short visit with these gentlemen. \*\*\*

The Standard editor sincerely sympathize with the C. H. Denman family in the loss of their home by fire Wednesday afternoon. Neighbors say the fire truck was unnecessarily slow in reaching the house and getting in action, as it was the fire did a splendid job and made a 100 per cent loss. \*\*\*

"Women shoppers buy four times amount of goods as necessary," so says the heading of a story credited to Ben H. Guide, of St. Louis. When Mr. Guide's wife reads the remarks he made in print, she will probably make good what he said. No, indeed, we wouldn't say anything like that. \*\*\*

Fred A. Sheppard, an attorney of Jackson, has been appointed to the position of deputy corporation supervisor in the office of the Secretary of State, in place of James A. Barks, deceased. The young man is a nephew of the late J. N. Sheppard of Sikeston and is a very bright young man. \*\*\*

For a long time we have believed every man should have two wives and since this long spell of zero weather we are stronger in our belief than ever. With a plump wife on either side a fellow could possibly sleep warmer these cold nights. \*\*\*

Elmos Taylor feels that he has given full satisfaction to the City of Sikeston as Collector and for that reason is asking for further consideration at the hands of the voters at the April election. Elmos is a good citizen, has given the office close attention and if honored with another term will continue to look after the interest of the city to the best of his ability. \*\*\*

When in St. Louis it will not be unlawful for a woman to get her belly to the bar just like a man and order her drink. So when in that city and want to show off go into any old bar, order your favorite drink, light your cigarette and cuss like a man. \*\*\*

We read in the daily press as to how many good Democrats there are in this nation ready to "take a walk" with Al Smith on election day, either into the Republican party or off into some lonesome place and forget an election is being held. We can't speak for the rest of the Nation, but here in Howard county we doubt if you should comb the county with the finest toothed comb manufactured, you would find a single Democrat that has any idea of following Al Smith in his walk out of the Democratic party.—Armstrong Herald. \*\*\*

William Royster & Sons of near Silex sold 160 fat hogs on the St. Louis market this week. The hogs averaged 240 pounds. Mr. Royster received \$10.45 for them, so that his check for the lot amounted to \$3,900. Some hog story!—Troy Free Press. \*\*\*

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year.

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## WASHINGTON

## Runaway Goes Home Ending Trip Toward A Warmer Climate

One young Illinois runaway went home and another went on southward Monday after they had been stopped and questioned by Trooper Melvin Dace.

Dace saw the two sitting in a southbound car as he passed the Highways 60 and 61 intersection. They were dirty and looked little as young boys who travel in normal fashion do; so he stopped the car and took its driver and the lad to the patrol office. When the man said they were not his children but only hitchhikers he'd picked up south of Cape Girardeau, Dace learned the boys had left home Saturday intending to go to New Orleans. The motorist was headed for the same place.

Fourteen-year-old Elmer Gene Lovelace of Godfrey, Ill., younger of the two hadn't been very keen about running away from home and would be glad to return. His parents were elated when Dace called them. John Gibson, a 16-year-old of Alton, Ill., was described as "bad" and the promoter of the southern journey. His parents told Dace on long distance telephone that he might go on if he wanted to. Soon afterward he left with the motorist.

Elmer's mother and his two sisters arrived here late Monday night, though when they failed to hear that Mrs. Lovelace had reached here safely and found her son. A friend of theirs in Godfrey who has an amateur radio broadcasting set tried to talk with Harry Young over his set here. It was after 10 o'clock, and Young had just signed off after a conversation with

Mr. Lovelace. The boys will play for lunch and dinner each day in the hotel's main dining room, as well as three nights every week for dancing in the Blue Room. On Sunday evenings, persons who have dinner in the Blue Room will be entertained with special concert programs by the orchestra. Popular prices will prevail.

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## BLYTHEVILLE HOTEL HAVE PARTY SATURDAY FEATURING FAMOUS BAND

The Hotel Noble at Blytheville, Ark., will stage a Washington's birthday party Saturday evening to celebrate the ninth anniversary of its opening and to open formally the new air-conditioned Blue Room.

Bobby Greer and members of his orchestra, who are N.B.C. and C. B. S. broadcasting artists, will play, and a floor show of ten acts, the largest ever seen in Northeast Arkansas or Southeast Missouri, will be offered.

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## Many Attending Democratic Meet

Many young Democrats here were to leave late Thursday for Jefferson City to attend a state organization meeting being held there today and tomorrow. In addition to Sikeston's eight delegates to the convention, numerous other young party leaders will attend, including WPA employees. The district WPA office will be closed Saturday.

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## NEGRO ADULT EDUCATION TEACHERS TO MEET HERE

A district meeting of negro adult education teachers will be held in Sunset addition here on Friday, March 6, the Rev. C. F. Collins, supervisor of the project in twenty Southeast Missouri counties, announced yesterday.

Speakers will include Dean Vest C. Myers of the Cape Girardeau teachers' college; C. L. Blanton, Jr., ninth district WPA director; and C. L. Blanton, Sr., editor of The Standard.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kelly, Miss Ruby Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kelly drove to Bloomfield Sunday and attended funeral services for their uncle, Andrew Kelly, held near Bloomfield, that afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards of Poplar Bluff spent Tuesday here with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lacey.

Mr. W. B. Lacey is still confined to his room with an attack of bronchitis and neuritis.

The open market value of bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange increased \$949,103,000 during January to a total of \$40,347,862,478 on February 1.

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## Book Club Meets

The members of the Book club were entertained by Mrs. E. C. Matthews, Monday night at her home on North Kingshighway.

Instead of the usual program, moving pictures taken by Mrs. Matthews and her daughter and son, Miss Olga and Edward, on their European trip last summer were shown.

Miss Cora Ruhl of Clayton is expected to spend this weekend here with her mother and sister, Mrs. John Ruhl and Mrs. R. G. McCoy.

Mrs. Chas. Darby of Dexter spent Tuesday afternoon here with Mrs. Dan McCoy. She was accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Darby.

Mrs. Caleb Matthews returned from St. Louis, Wednesday, where she had been for surgical treatment. Her son, Jackson Matthews of Effingham, Ill., accompanied on their European trip last summer were shown.

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## ACCUSED OF HUNTING WITHOUT A LICENSE

A warrant charging H. C. Link with hunting and trying to kill wild geese in New Madrid county without a license was issued

in Judge Joseph W. Myers' office Thursday. A complaint against Link was filed by F. I. Jones of Charleston, district game warden. The offense was allegedly committed Wednesday.

Councilmen will meet tonight to consider an ordinance prohibiting parking on the north side of Malone avenue and limiting parking on the south side to fifteen minutes.

In a letter to Dr. G. W. Presnell, A. R. Towe, division engineer of the state highway department, said that before the bureau of public roads will approve the Malone avenue widening project, the city must pass such an ordinance. If the proposal is approved, a copy of it will be sent to Jefferson City. A contract for the Malone job is expected to be let this spring.

The U. S. Department of Commerce reports that the nation's January business ran 10 per cent ahead of the 1935 month.

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## Art L. Walhausen In Poplar Bluff Republic

The people who live in Sikeston are like the folks who live in the forest who were unable to see the woods for the trees. Those who live in the thriving Scott county metropolis cannot see that any marked changes have taken place during the past two or three years.

The writer worked in Sikeston for four years and some months before coming to Poplar Bluff. Saturday afternoon I returned to the city for a brief visit.

Changes that have taken place, and enterprises under way, are nothing less than remarkable.

It is one of the few cities in this section of Missouri which is doing something about the housing problem. For years young folks, and especially the newly married, were unable to find efficiency apartments, or small homes. In fact, houses of any kind were at a premium. Shopping around for bargain rentals was out of the question.

That problem has been alleviated but not entirely cured by the construction of—not one or two—but 38 to 42 brand new, attractive homes. A half dozen more are being remodeled or built from the ground up.

If there has been a let up in the building and remodeling of business houses, the large cotton oil processing plant was completed.

Things are looking up in "the city of millionaires."

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## Girls Win 51 to 38

Sikeston girls won 51 to 38 when they played their last basketball game of the season with Matthews here Monday night. The match had been postponed from Friday so that the Pirates could compete in the Hayti girls' tournament.

Ergerude Harrison won second place for January in a nationwide business letter writing contest conducted monthly by the Business Education Bureau, Superintendent Roy V. Ellise announced yesterday. Miss Harrison, a senior, is a student of Miss Elecata O'Hara.

Mr. Ellise also announced that Ellen Davy has received an efficiency certificate for typing sixty-two words a minute in a typing class conducted by Miss Daisy Evans.

Charles McMullin Initiated Into Phi Gamma

Charles McMullin, who is taking a pre-law course at the University of Missouri, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McMullin, that Sunday, February 16, he was formally initiated into the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, to which he has been pledged since last fall.

## THE WEATHER

These high and low temperatures were recorded by John LaFont at the Frisco station:

	High	Low
Friday	48	30
Saturday	26	12
Sunday	24	16
Monday	23	20
Tuesday	19	6
Wednesday	22	4

The recording of minus 6 degrees Monday night is the lowest here this winter. Three inches of snow fell Monday and an inch Wednesday night.

## BULLDOGS TO SEMI-FINALS IN BASKETBALL TOURNEY

The Sikeston Bulldogs advanced to the semi-finals of the Scott-Mississippi county basketball tournament at Benton Wednesday night when they defeated the Charleston Blue Jays 33 to 13. Sikeston had beaten Vanduser 23 to 7 in the first round of play Tuesday.

The Bulldogs were to meet Diehstadt Thursday night, the winner to play the winner of the Benton-Fornell match. Finals will be tonight.

In the first round games Tuesday, Fornell defeated Oran, 49 to 26; Benton eliminated Morley, 28 to 20; Diehstadt won from Aniston, 19 to 18; and Charleston beat Blodgett 29 to 12. Fornell defeated Illinois; Benton best East Prairie; and Diehstadt won from Chaffee Wednesday night.

## SHERIFF FOLLOWS MANOR TRAIL INTO ILLINOIS

Sheriff Joe Anderson returned from Illinois early Thursday morning after searching all night for John Manor, a former convict who escaped more than a week ago from the Benton jail, where he was being held for hearing on a charge of murdering W. T. Carlton at Gray's Point May 8.

Anderson had received a tip that Manor was hiding in Illinois, but he found no trace of him. Carlyle Payne, who also escaped, is still at large, and Claude McGee and Buck Carter, other of the four who fled from the jail, are in custody.

Anderson was ordered Thursday day to rest for several days to prevent pneumonia. He has slept only fifteen hours since the escape a week ago Tuesday and is suffering from exposure.

## 20 Stopped for License Violation

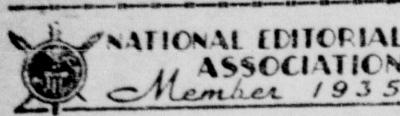
Trooper Melvin Dace said yesterday that highway patrolmen have arrested about twenty motorists for failure to have 1936 state license tags on their cars. The twenty were stopped in the several Southeast Missouri counties near here. An additional ten have been arrested in other counties of the Troop E territory.

## TOPICS FOR NAZARENE REVIVAL ANNOUNCED

The Rev. C. F. Transue announced yesterday subjects and special songs for revival services now being conducted at the Church of the Nazarene by the Rev. J. D. Havener of Flat

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Practically everything the Democratic party has accomplished has been done despite Jim Reed, and his announcement that he intends to oppose the re-election of President Roosevelt doesn't throw any quivers into Democrats. Jim has stepped into big money via matrimony and corporation law practice and no longer decries the evils of the wealthy class which is now seeking to get the government returned to its hands. It was never embarrassing for our former United States Senator to desert one crowd which had been loyal to him and go over to the enemy. He was elected district attorney of Kansas City on a reform ticket and re-elected by the red-light districts. He fought prohibition but flirted with the drys in an attempt to beat Al Smith out of the Democratic nomination for President in 1928. The Cash-Book believes in a man who is a man should associate with his ilk and it is very pleasing to this paper to see Jim Reed align with the Republicans where he rightfully belongs. —Jackson Cash-Book.

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YOUR INCOME TAX

NO. 3

WHEN TO REPORT INCOME

FROM SALARIES, WAGES ETC.

Of the millions of income-tax returns that are filed annually, the vast majority are from salaried persons and wage earners whose income is derived from personal services.

In general, compensation for personal services should be reported for taxation purposes in the year it is received or unqualifiedly made subject to demand. Compensation credited to the account or set apart for a taxpayer, without any substantial limitation or restriction, and which may be drawn upon by him at any time, is subject to tax for the year during which so credited or set apart, although not then actually reduced to possession. If the services were rendered during the year 1934, or even prior thereto, but the compensation was not received, or made unqualifiedly subject to demand, by the taxpayer until the year 1935, the entire amount is taxable in the year received, or made unqualifiedly subject to demand, when the taxpayer is reporting on the cash receipts and disbursements basis, which is the basis used by most persons in reporting net income.

The names of all employees to whom payments of \$1,000 or over a year are made must be reported. The information return should be made on form 1099, accompanied by transmittal form 1096 showing the number of returns filed. These returns should be filed on or before February 15, 1936.

All of the various types of compensation, unless specifically exempt by fundamental law, should be included in the taxpayer's return of gross income, such as salaries, wages, fees, commission, bonuses, tips, honoraria, prizes, awards, retiring allowances for past services, etc. Where services are paid for in whole or in part with something other than money, the fair market value of the thing taken in payment must be included as income. Other items subject to tax are fees received by ministers of the gospel for funerals, baptisms, masses, and like services; executors' fees; directors' fees; Federal jury fees; and prizes received in contests of various kinds.

The salaries of Federal officers and employees are subject to tax, including the salary of the President of the United States and judges of courts of the United States taking office after the date of the enactment of the Revenue Act of 1932, which was June 6, 1932. The salary of the Vice-President of the United States, and the salaries of members of the House of Representatives and the Members of the United States Senate are also subject to income tax.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ordelheide left Wednesday morning for a week's visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tasker in Dodge City, Kan.

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## McKNIGHT KEATON GROCERY COMPANY

### Hollywood Star-Lites

By Chuck Cochard

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 17—It's Leap Year, all right. But—if there's any man who'd like to get "leaped on"—(and breathes there a man with a soul so dead that he wouldn't?)—then he'll just have to check up on himself and correct some of his annoying little habits.

He'll have to, anyway, if he wants to be proposed to by a movie star. Because the picture gals certainly have their own ideas about what constitutes a really romantic man! Let's give the floor first to comely, blonde Jean Muir, who is decidedly eligible.

"Men who don't quite seem to grasp the knack of applying good taste to their every-day conduct are my pet peeve," says Jean.

Rowdy dancers, men who make themselves and their partners conspicuous on the dance floor, draw down the hearty disapproval of Anita Louise. Glenda Farrell lists "loud, noisy men" under the pet aversions" category, and Jane Froman detests "high hats."

Here are some of the taboo-types, as shunned by prominent picture gals:

Joan Blondell: men mashers, and men with dirty finger-nails.

Claire Dodd: men-about-town, cake eaters, lounge lizards who juggle invitations, accepting the "smarties" without regard to friendship.

June Travis: men who go to night clubs and spend the whole evening looking bored or blasé.

So there you are men. If the shoe fits, you've got the list and you can take your choice: Mend your ways, or be a Leap-Year Wallflower!

Star-Lites: "Gold Diggers of 1937," fifth in the series of "Gold Diggers" musicals, will be made by Warner's soon, with Dick Powell in the male lead. . . . Sylvia Sidney and Spencer Tracy are to be united into a new co-starring team in the story "Mob Rule" which is a story of national law enforcement and a stirring indictment against lawless fanaticism . . . Chester Morris and Madge Evans have been teamed in a story fit for their personalities entitled "Moonlight Murder," new and unusual mystery story which has the famous Hollywood Bowl as its locale. Other players in the opus will be Leo Carrillo and H. B. Warner. Yes, you guessed it! The story concerns a tenor murdered while singing a concert at night in the Bowl.

Let's Forget It—Was Mary Pickford's face white the other day when she tried every-which-way, and failed, to be part of the Mayfair Club Ball, highest social function of the film colony.

The hitch in Miss Pickford's plans came about through an oversight, a matter of neglecting to pay dues. She would have been more than glad, she said at the entrance door, to fill out a check. But the attendant declined it. The annual fee is \$10.

All Well—Buster Keaton, that funny man of the pictures, who was reported a few months ago to be through with the movies forever due to a serious illness surprised all Hollywood when he showed up at the Mayfair Ball, all well.

To top this, Buster has just signed with Educational for a dozen pictures, all two and four reel comedies, the first of which will be filmed in their New York studio. It certainly does our hearts good to hear he's as fine as silk again.

Do You Know: That Greta Garbo, although famed as the world's champion camera-dodger, has actually posed for 3000 portraits.

Through A Keyhole—John Carroll and his No. 1 attraction, Steffie Duna, having a late Sunday breakfast at Levy's Tavern . . . Katherine Hepburn back in town . . . Jane Hamilton and Howard Hughes making the rounds of the brightly-lighted spots . . . Marlene Dietrich is still sad about John Gilbert . . . Ida Lupino and Johnny Gates tennis-ing at Charlie Farrell's Racquet Club.

Inside Gossip—Last week's famous blonde star was Barbara Stanwyck and her companion at the Trocadero was Film Agent Vic Orsatti.

What famous blonde feminine star, known the world over for her sweetness, has the gossips talking plenty about her public appearances with her new leading man? He played opposite a girl in a recent musical who was skyrocketed to stardom. That's all for today. Wait till next week.

The Dallas Wallace family are greatful to friends and neighbors, for aid and sympathy during the illness of Mrs. Wallace and the loss of a babe.

### STATE SAFETY GROUP MAILS QUESTIONNAIRE

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Very special town-wide sale at all Independent Grocers will be announced very soon.

Be Ready to Save Money  
On Your Coffee Needs McKnight-Keaton Grocery Company

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CITY OFFICES

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Over in Ward 4 Thos. F. Rafferty has announced as Alderman to succeed himself and asks for the support of the voters of that ward. Rafferty has not missed a meeting since has been a member of the Board, has at all times looked after the interest of his Ward as well as the entire city, is married and a member of the firm of Rafferty and Son. He so solicits your support.

The Democrats of Southeast Missouri have never before been in such good condition to start the campaign for State and National tickets as at this time. This is due entirely to the interest taken by the Democratic Woman's organizations and the Young Men's Democratic clubs. Nearly every community has an organization and we married men know when the women set their heads on anything they usually carry the point. The time is past for anyone to sit back in the shade and think he can, by direction, and dictation, carry an election.

Missouri's sales tax revenue for December, thanks to improved business conditions and heavy Christmas shopping, totaled \$1,034,376, or more than \$100,000 in excess of the November total.

## RECOVERY NOTES

Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State

The value of building permits issued in January was more than double that of the same month a year ago, Dun and Bradstreet estimates. The permit volume of volume of 215 of the larger cities was placed at \$54,938,059 against \$26,826,268 for January, 1935.

The U. S. Department of Commerce estimates that daily average sales of general merchandise in small towns and rural areas in January were about 10 per cent higher in dollar volume than for January, 1935.

The National Retail Credit Association reports average increases of more than 8 per cent in both retail collections and credit sales for January, as compared with those of the same month last year for the entire country.

United States Steel Corporation reports January shipments of finished steel products increased \$5,699 tons to the highest January total since 1931. January shipments amounted to 721,414 tons, compared with 661,515 tons in December, 1934.

Missouri now has 26 PWA projects costing \$8,786,660.20 under construction under the Emergency Relief appropriation act of 1935. A total of 80 projects costing \$13,214,774.80 are either under construction or contracted.

Standard Statistics report the first 237 important industrial corporations that have thus far reported earnings for 1935 show aggregate net income of \$565,165,000, an increase of 48 per cent over the preceding year.

Bank clearings for leading cities for the week ending February 11 totaled \$4,345,145,000, as compared with \$4,253,511,000 for the same period last week, Dun and Bradstreet announces. The increase is 2.2 per cent.

The Federal Land Bank of St. Louis broke all earlier records for volume in land sales by selling 654 farms for \$1,751,000 in 1935, according to P. F. Schwengert, manager of the real estate division of the bank. The farms were located in Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas, the three states served by the Federal Land Bank.

Business failures in the United States for the week ended February 6, numbered 209, against 220 in the preceding week, and 256 in the corresponding week, last year, Dun and Bradstreet reports.

Is business good? The Western Union Telegraph Co. had a net income of \$2,243,084 in 1934; in 1935 its net income was \$5,258,073. The Chrysler Corporation earned \$34,975,818 in 1935 as compared with \$9,534,836 in 1934. In 1934 Crucible Steel Co. made net profit of only \$75,157; in 1935 its profits were \$1,268,176. The Missouri Portland Cement Co. lost \$19,607,000 in 1934; in 1935 it made \$20,848. Montgomery Ward &amp; Co., sales in 1934 totaled \$261,412,543, as compared with \$306,101,505 in 1935, an increase of 17.1 per cent. Childs Co., restaurant operators, lost \$35,071 in 1934; in 1935 they made a profit of \$117,063. Total assets of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. increased \$203,694,360 during 1935 to \$4,234,802,511.

January, 1936, was a better month than January, 1935. Department store sales in St. Louis increased 3.9 per cent during the month. The Chevrolet Motor Co. turned out 104,193 cars, just 45,795 more than in the corresponding 1935 month. Kress chain stores sales increased 9.3 per cent to \$204,273. J. C. Penny Co. sales totaled \$13,964,419 as compared with \$12,924,114 in the previous

## LAND FOR SALE

The Little River Drainage District offers the following lands for sale:

COUNTY	ACRES	DESCRIPTION	SEC.	T. R.
Cape Girardeau	240.00	NW 1/4, NW SW SW SW	11	29 12
New Madrid	160.00	SE 1/4	4	22 12
New Madrid	160.00	SW 1/4	20	22 12
New Madrid	80.00	E 1/2 SW 1/4	15	22 13
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Stoddard County	75.20	E 1/2 NE 1/4	35	24 12
Stoddard	174.79	W 1/2, N. of river	16	26 12
Stoddard	78.50	S 1/2 NE 1/4	24	26 12
Stoddard	40.00	S 1/2 Lot 2, NW 1/4	19	26 13
Stoddard	40.00	NW NW	20	26 12
Stoddard	40.00	NE SE	10	27 11
Stoddard	40.00	NW SE	34	24 12
Stoddard	160.00	Lots 1 & 2, NW	2	24 12
Stoddard	160.00	NE 1/4	24	27 11
Stoddard	40.00	E 1/2 Lot 6, NW	3	27 9
Stoddard	19.80	N 1/2 E 1/2 Lot 4, NW	3	27 9
Stoddard	40.00	E 1/2 Lot 5, NW	3	27 9
Bollinger	36.67	Pt. S 1/2 Lot 1, SW	19	28 9
Bollinger	200.00	SW 1/4 and NW SE	20	28 9
Bollinger	80.00	W 1/2 NE 1/4	22	28 9
Bollinger	240.00	NW 1/4 and S 1/2 NE	28	28 9
Bollinger	40.00	SE NE	29	28 9
Bollinger	40.00	SE SE	29	28 9
Bollinger	320.00	West half	32	28 9
Bollinger	120.00	N 1/2 NW, NE SW	32	28 9
Bollinger	843.40	All of section	31	28 9
Bollinger	40.00	NW NE	36	28 9

For information, write to the district's office at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

January, a gain of 8 per cent. J. Newberry Co. chain store sales rose 4.3 per cent to \$2,446,502.

## Taken to Memphis Hospital

Mrs. Erin Martinie of Chaffee, who was injured in two automobile accidents February 2, was taken Wednesday to the Campbell Clinic in Memphis. Mrs. Martinie had been in a Poplar Bluff hospital since the accidents happened.

Tom Scott was in Chaffee one day last week and while here he told several of his friends he would be a candidate for sheriff of Scott county this coming primary. His announcement will appear in these columns in a later issue.—Chaffee Signal.

"Auto Bug" Has Lights;  
Runs Down White Grubs

In the West Indies, Central America, and northern South America, there is a large click beetle, which has on the forepart of its body two large luminous spots giving out so brilliant a light that it is called in some places "the automobile bug."

This striking insect so appealed to women of the West Indies that they once used it as an evening coiffure ornament, fastened to a hairpin with a thread. Dealers sold the beetles from small wicker cages in the market places.

The beetle is remarkable in another way. When flying, it throws a large brilliant spot of light on the ground, despite the fact that the luminous spots are on top. It was once believed that the beetle flew upside down, but this is physically impossible. The explanation is that in flight the abdomen is elevated between the wings exposing another luminous area where the hindpart of the body joins the forepart. It is a matter for speculation whether this ground light helps in landing.

The young of these beetles, say entomologists of the United

States Department of Agriculture, are beneficial in eating white grubs, a serious pest in sugarcane fields in these regions. These baby beetles also are luminous—so luminous that one in a dark room will shed light enough for reading a newspaper.

Thousands of starving sea gulls and wild ducks on the frozen Long Island shores are fighting aerial battles daily for possession of open water spaces in the ice.

Game Warden David H. W. Benson said he had seen more than 2,000 ducks and gulls in aerial combat. An unusual sight to Sikeston folks was several gulls flying low over Sikeston a few days ago, forced inland to seek

The first slave trade to be participated in by a British settler of America occurred a decade before Negroes from Africa were landed at Jamestown. The English participant was Captain John Smith, who may thus be accredited with initiating the traffic here, and the slave was a white boy.

We are likely to think of Captain Smith as a romantic figure, because of the glamorous story of his rescue from death by the Indian Princess Matoaka, or Pocahontas. All the world may love a lover, but Smith and the girl were not lovers. She was much younger than he and in rescuing him was very likely actuated by her natural friendliness toward the English colonists.

Although clever and brave, Captain Smith was after all a soldier of fortune in a day when military adventurers still roamed Europe, sophisticated and ruthless, ready to take orders from the highest bidder. Hence, it was not out of character that he should have been the first European to sell a slave on our soil.

The story of the first slave trade by a British colonist was found among old documents by writers who are preparing articles for the American Guide, the Government's forthcoming 5-volume travel handbook.

Jamestown was founded in 1607. One of the early supply ships was dispatched to Jamestown to demand the boy's return. The colonists were forced to consent or face disagreeable consequences.

Henry remained with Pocahontas for six months. At the emperor's court, he met the vassal king of the Potowmack, who took a great fancy to him, and, in this instance, the boy returned the favor. When the king started back to Pas-panzie, his town on Potowmack Creek shortly below Quantico, Henry

contrived to leave with him. Powhatan sent a force to capture or kill the run-away, but they could not catch him.

Several years later, Captain Argall found Spelman at Pas-panzie and bought him from the king for a quantity of copper. At the time of Argall's visit, Pocahontas was also stopping with the king of the Potowmack. Emperor Powhatan was expecting hostilities with the English and had sent her to stay where he thought she would be safe. Dreaming of winning a big ransom of corn, Captain Argall enticed the princess aboard his ship, "Treasurer", and carried her off to Jamestown.

Powhatan refused to pay for her release, so she remained among the settlers. She seemed not to have found her captivity altogether unpleasant, for it brought her in close contact with John Rolfe. They fell in love, as every one knows, and were married in April 1613.

Captain Smith, his hero and nemesis, had gone back to England and Henry Spelman attended the wedding, free at last.

Your shoes go "Round and Round", BUT, "Oh, Ho-Ho-Ho," REAL shoe rebuilding "comes out here".

ROACH'S  
SHOE REBUILDER

209 E. Malone

## LAIR STORE NEWS

"That Interesting Store"

## HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Our 37th Year in Southeast Missouri

## WHAT IS PERMALUX?

It is a brand new construction for living room furniture which we are featuring in our store. After showing you the excellent materials and workmanship of these new living room suites our salesmen will, contrary to past custom, turn the pieces up side down to show the wonderful springs and the manner in which they operate to produce comfort. Our force is thoroughly sold on "Permalux" and it is now their determination to sell YOU—because they know 'tis a fine feature.

## THEY ALL BOW TO ALADDIN

Lamps may come and lamps may go at all sorts of prices but when it comes to real beauty and grace in lamp stands and vases along with delicate shadings of harmonious tints in shade decorations—Aladdin, in our opinion leads the procession. You are invited to see a nice showing of 1936 lamp ideas.

## TOP O' TH' POT IN REFRIGERATION

FRIGIDAIRE in all her glory is on the way for 1936. That one sentence should be sufficient information for all who expect to add a new electric refrigerator. According to our records there are more Frigidaire in Sikeston than all other brands added together. There is a mighty good reason for this which any owner can give you. Quality through and through—super service 365 days in the year—ice to spare even in the hottest weather—millions behind the factory that makes them and—LISTEN—in 1936 the LOWEST OPERATING COST on record. WE HAVE THE GOODS ON US IN FRIGIDAIRE AND CAN PROVE IT.

## A DEPARTMENT—NOT A JUNK HEAP

Guy Suever and his helpers have taken a mass of used goods, piled top on top on our second floor and transformed the space into a well ordered department of attractive and serviceable merchandise which will be of great service to buyers with short purses. This stock is composed mostly of trade ins and repossessions—but in no case is an item

## Personal News of Sikeston

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter, Phones 761w and 137

Mrs. M. P. Hamby of Dallas, Texas, is expected here next week to visit Mrs. Boyd Scillian and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cooper spent Sunday in Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter were hosts to the Tuesday night club this week.

Members of the Wednesday club and their husbands were entertained with a dinner bridge, Wednesday night by Mrs. Chas. H. Boyce, at her home on School street.

Miss Virginia Elmore of Charleston was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Grant, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Frissell and baby of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday night and Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Lon Swanner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wardell, who have been the guests of the latter's parents for three weeks, left Thursday morning for their home in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Wardell is connected with the U. S. Geodetic Coast Survey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor and son, John Richard, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh and the latter's sister, Mrs. E. C. Flint, drove to Poplar Sunday.

Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted. If Mrs. O. G. Walker and son, Marion, are spending the week in Memphis, with the former's parents.

The condition of Mrs. A. J. Matthews, who was brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard McMullan, last Friday, suffering from an attack of influenza, continues to improve.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh entertained with a luncheon and theatre party Wednesday in Cape Girardeau. Her guests were her sister, Mrs. E. C. Flint of St. Louis, Mrs. L. Conatser and Mrs. W. E. Derris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Corrigan and son William spent Saturday night and Sunday here with Mrs. Corrigan's mother, Mrs. Betty Matthews.

Word has been received here that B. J. Murback, who recently underwent an operation for mastoiditis, expects to leave Barnes Hospital Friday, February 21, but will remain in the city for about 10 days. Mrs. Murback is with her husband.

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LOST—Gray overcoat with half belt, between airport and school and Gladys. Notify The Standard.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Hours of Masses:  
Sundays—7:30 and 9:30.  
Daily Mass—7 o'clock.  
Morning service—11:00 o'clock.  
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Sunday school—9:45 o'clock.  
Morning Worship—10:45.  
Choir Practice—1st and 3rd Thursday.  
2nd Friday.

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CHURCH OF GOD  
Sunday school—9:30 o'clock.  
Morning worship—11:00 o'clock.  
Young Peoples meeting—6:45.  
Prayer Meeting—7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening.  
E. T. Fowler, pastor.

## Contract With Their Doctor

Tacoma, Wash.—Medicine by contract gives 25,000 residents of this city of 106,000 complete medical service at an average cost of \$1.50 month—and pays the doctors a profit.

Three organizations have adopted the "big business" tactics of Dr. A. W. Bridge, 54, to put the practice of medicine on a cash basis. Dr. Bridge's "medicine factory" has a staff of thirty doctors, 10,000 patients on contract.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, he came to Washington in 1907. Today he operates his own hospital, drug store, commissary, clinic and garden.

His patients sign contracts thru their employers guaranteeing monthly payments in return for medical attention they had need.

"We don't have to coddle our patients," Dr. Bridge said. "They get full treatment but our financing system saves us from having to listen to their family troubles."

Charity cases are limited to emergencies. Indigent patient's pay their bills by working in the garden. Chatle mortgages are demanded of poor risks.

"This may sound hard-boiled," Dr. Bridge said, "but it all goes to make up my idea of the perfect circle of medicine. By eliminating waste and reducing bad debts we reduce medical cost to the patient."

One of the other organizations is owned by a group of doctors who practice it. It leases beds from outside hospitals, boasts of having no salaried physicians, stresses accident prevention campaigns among its 9,000 contract patients.

The other is the Pierce County Industrial Medical Bureau, sponsored by the County Medical Society. Dr. Lewis A. Hopkins, brother of Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, is its president.

Barbecued Beef Slices  
Sliced roast beef  
2 tablespoons butter  
2 tablespoons flour  
1-4 cup tomato ketchup  
1-2 cup water  
1 teaspoon prepared mustard  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1 tablespoon brown sugar.

Melt butter and blend flour with it. Mix with ketchup, mustard, vinegar, brown sugar and water. Bring to the boiling point. Reheat sliced beef in this sauce, and serve at once.

Au Gratin Meat and Potatoes  
2 cups diced cooked meat  
1 cup cold cooked potatoes, diced  
2 cups well seasoned white sauce

1-2 teaspoons paprika  
1-2 cup buttered bread crumbs  
1-4 pound grated cheese

Combine diced meat and potatoes with white sauce and parika. Place in a baking dish, cover with bread crumbs and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in a slow oven until the meat and potatoes are thoroughly heated and the cheese is melted.

Voice: (From bald-headed circle) Woof, woof!

Industrial employment in the South today is but 5.1 per cent below what it was in 1929, while for the nation as a whole it is 18.6 per cent below.

Magician: ((Sawing woman in half)) Now after his lady is severed, her brain will be given to science and the rest thrown to the dogs.

Voice: (From bald-headed circle) Woof, woof!

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## COMMITTEE OF NINE TO AID SURVEY FOR STATE ROAD PLAN



Committee of Nine, official Contact Committee named by Hugh Stephens, president of the Citizens Road Assn. to work with the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the state highway department on an exhaustive survey to determine Missouri's future road needs.

The survey is being financed as a Federal project and has the sponsorship of both the Citizens Road Assn. and the Automobile Club of Missouri. In a recent statement, Maj. Roy F. Britton, Auto Club president, characterized the survey as the most important development in Missouri road history since passage of the 1928 bond issue. Both Stephens and Britton expressed the hope that any changes in the highway plans will be postponed until the facts from the survey are available.

Members of the committee will work in close touch with the technical staff making the survey. The engineers are headed by J. H. Long, former division engineer of the highway department, and C. J. McGinley of the Bureau of Public Roads.

The Committee (top from left): George W. Catts, executive manager Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; R. W. Brown, Carrollton, president Missouri Farm Bureau Federation; C. E. Williams, St. Louis, former chairman highways committee St. Louis Chamber of Commerce; (center from left) C. C. Chandler, Cassville; Hugh Stephens, Jefferson City; Thad Snow, Charleston; (bottom from left) S. Connell, Faneuil, president St. Joseph Automobile Club; George P. Marsh, editor Missouri Motor News representing Automobile Club of Missouri; and R. S. Brownlee, Brookfield, former member of state highway commission.

AUXILIARY NOTES

An all day meeting was held at the home of Mrs. C. L. Blanton, Sr., Tuesday of this week by a few members of the American Legion Auxiliary, 6 comforts were made.

The next regular meeting of the Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Huters, Monday evening, February 24. All members please attend.

## WOMAN'S CLUB

The regular meeting of the Woman's Club will be held at the home of Mrs. Harry Young, Tuesday afternoon, February 25. Mrs. Harry Dover and Mrs. M. M. Beck will assist Mrs. Young.

Miss Myra Tanner will be the leader for the program, and the program will be "A Century of Education in Missouri." All members who cannot attend this meeting, please call Mrs. Young.

10-Month-Old Girl Dies

Katharine Ann Brown, the ten-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, died of pneumonia Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the far home four miles southeast of Matthews, and burial was in the Matthews cemetery. Dempster service.

## Infant Dies of Pneumonia

Darell Lee Chapman, the four-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Chapman, died of pneumonia Tuesday. Services were held at the residence south of town on Wednesday. Interment was in the Matthews cemetery. Welsh service.

BETA SIGMA PHI  
MET TUESDAY NITE

The regular meeting of the Beta Sigma Phi Chapter was held at the home of Miss Virginia Mount, Tuesday night, February 18. The program consisted of a round table discussion and current events of foreign affairs.

MISS DONNELL AND  
MISS SELLARDS ENTERTAIN

Miss Betty Belle Donnell and Miss Maxine Sellards entertained thirty guests with a Valentine Leap Year party, Friday night, February 14, at the home of Miss Donnell on Tanner Street. The decorations and refreshments were carried out in the Refreshments motif.

MARRS TO MEET SINKEY:  
GREEK WRESTLES MATHIS

Both Johnnie Marrs and Joe Dillman will appear here Tuesday night, but they won't wrestle each other.

Marrs will meet Charles Sinkey, the 196-pounder of Corinth, Miss., in a match fans should enjoy. Dillman will wrestle Benny Mathis, 182 pounds of Shawnee, Okla., in the preliminary.

As an added attraction, Mike Meroney will bring here Popeye, a negro clown known as the one man prize fight. Popeye knocks himself out while he shadow boxes, and Meroney is certain fans will be entertained by him.

The completeness of the ration influences the hatching quality of the eggs. Some form of milk in the ration will increase the hatchability of the eggs as shown by results at the Ohio Experiment Station where 5 per cent milk in

the ration increased hatchability 16 per cent. The presence of Vitamins A, D, and E aid in improving egg hatchability. Vitamin A has as its common sources yellow corn and green feed. The common source of Vitamin D are direct sunlight, green feed or cod liver oil, while Vitamin E is widely distributed in common feedstuffs. Oyster shell or ground limestone of low magnesium content is necessary for strong shells and maximum hatchability.

Feeding, however, is not the only factor influencing egg production and hatchability, as housing and management of the flock play an important part and should be given as much consideration as feeding.

MORE HOME ECONOMICS.  
4-H CLUBS ORGANIZED

The number of 4-H and home economics clubs organized in New Madrid county is steadily increasing, a report from Leslie B. Broom, the county agent, shows. Home economics groups have been formed recently at Kewanee and Marston and 4-H clubs at Risco and Tallapoosa.

Mrs. Guy Stewart was elected president of the Kewanee group at an organization meeting held in the Kewanee school house Friday. Other officers chosen include Mrs. James Spradling, secretary; Mrs. Lynn Twitty, reporter; Mrs. M. L. McAllister, song and game leader; Mrs. G. H. Sheridan, child development chairman; Mrs. Carl Gunn, reading chair man; and Miss Lillian Anderson, parliamentarian. Fifteen women are charter members. The club will meet at 2 o'clock the first Wednesday of each month, the first session to be at the home of Mrs. Claude Beeson.

At a meeting in the Marston Methodist church, women from the aid societies of the churches voted to join to form a community organization which will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The separate church groups will continue to meet as formerly during the other three weeks of every month. Eighteen women joined at the first meeting, but since few Baptists attended, election of officers was postponed until the March session.

At Risco, young women formed two clothing clubs. One of them, the Smiling Stitchers, chose Avella Anders president; Dorothy Oliver, vice-president; Elaine Anders, secretary; Alma Jean Gibbs, reporter; and Margie Parker, song and game leader. Mrs. Sheehan is local leader.

The second group, known as the Sunshine Clothing club, is headed by Marie Porter. Melba Sanders is vice-president; Lois Parkers, secretary; Lovice Anders, reporter; and Ida Belle Brown, song leader.

Both clubs adopted these goals: finance 100 per cent; improve posture; exhibit products at county roundup; have a demonstration team at the roundup. The Smiling Stitchers selected forestry as their conservation project and decided to organize a basketball team as well. The Sunshine club will study birds.

Seventeen girls at Tallapoosa have organized a 4-H forestry club. Miss Mildred Milburn was chosen local leader, and these officers were elected: President, Selma Cole; vice-president, Audrey Lumley; secretary, Kathleen O.

PROPER FEEDING OF  
POULTRY FLOCK VITAL

A full egg basket depends largely upon proper feeding, says Jno. W. Rogers, assistant extension agent of Scott county. When feed prices are comparatively high there is a strong temptation for one to discontinue feeding the hens a laying mash. While the farm price of eggs was 4 cents per dozen less in January 1936 than a year ago, feed was approximately two-thirds as high so that the purchasing power of eggs was 23.7 percent higher than a year ago. Economical egg production necessitates liberal feeding of a complete ration.

About five-eighths of the hen's feed is used to maintain her body. Unless more than a maintenance ration is supplied a hen can hardly be expected to lay. The Missouri College of Agriculture experiments show that a hen in one year, fed 55 pounds of grain and 18 pounds of mash containing only bran, shorts, and corn-meal, laid 61 eggs. The same ration to which 6 pounds of meat-scrap was added gave a production of 119 eggs.

If a good laying mash is not already being fed and one wants to use home grown grains, the following mixture will give satisfactory results:

200 pounds ground yellow corn  
200 pounds ground wheat  
200 pounds heavy ground oats  
150 pounds meat scraps  
750 total  
7 pounds salt

When one grain has been fed as the only grain, a change to a new grain is likely to be too extreme and may temporarily throw the flock off feed. Any change made in the poultry ration should be gradual and not all at once.

Plenty of water is essential for the best egg production from the flock. Close to 55 per cent of the total weight of a hen and 65 per cent of an egg are composed of water. During the winter season it is advisable to take the chill off water before giving it to the birds.

The completeness of the ration influences the hatching quality of the eggs. Some form of milk in the ration will increase the hatchability of the eggs as shown by results at the Ohio Experiment Station where 5 per cent milk in

## Lions Join Movement To

Lift Ban On Liberal

Roger Williams, founder of Providence, R. I., and an exile from Massachusetts for the past 300 years by decree of the Massachusetts General Court, will have the ban against him revoked if it comes to him.

The resolution adopted by the S

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## THE LAWLESS DAYS OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

By Max L. Kelley

This is the first of a series of articles, written by Max L. Kelley of Steele, that The Standard will publish. It was submitted to Mrs. Esther Marshall Greer, district supervisor of the federal writers' project, for use in the American Guide book which federal employees are now preparing.

before tearing them limb from limb: Tearing at their bodies with bare hands and knives, until the poor unfortunate died from sheer pain and exhaustion, after which they would slash the body to pieces with their knives, crush the head with a tomahawk, and leave the mangled form to decay in the wilderness.

"Big Harpe" often boasted, "I was forged by the All Wise as a scourge to humanity."

On the night of July 20, 1793, the Harpes called at the home of Moses Stiegal, an old friend living in the neighborhood of Red Bank, to spend the night. Stiegal was away from home and would not return until late. The Harpes were sent up in the loft to sleep with a Major William Love, a surveyor, who was spending the night at the Stiegal home. Love snored in his sleep, and "Big Harpe" split his head with a tomahawk. When Stiegal returned found his home in flames, and his wife and baby murdered.

Two other bodies found in the wilderness the next morning afforded the newly-formed posse a clue as to the direction the Harpes were traveling. They were soon overtaken and "Big Harpe" was shot from his horse, mortally wounded. Stiegal had sent a rifle bullet square through his spine.

Harpe, slow in dying, talked freely of his murders, stating that the only murder he ever regretted was, when in a fit of anger, he dashed his own babies' brains out against a tree.

Stiegal could wait no longer. He seized the dying man by the hair of the head, and with Harpe's own butcher knife, slowly removed his head from his body. As he drew the knife slowly across the back of the neck, Harpe, with the glare of a beast at bay, looked Stiegal full in the face, remarking, "you are a G--- damned rough butcher, but cut on and be damned."

Stigal passed the knife around the short thick neck of the outlaw, cutting to the bone, and then wrung the head off, as a butcher would wring the neck of a hog.

The head of "Big Harpe" was nailed in the fork of a tree at Robertson's Lick, near Red Bank, where it remained for years.

"Little Harpe" escaped, and no more was heard of him until October, 1803, when he appeared in Natchez with the head of his new master—Samuel Mason—to claim the reward that had been offered for Mason's capture.

The great manhunt for the Harpes through the territory of Natchez and Knoxville had driven the outlaws north and west. The country from Cave-In-Rock to New Madrid had become a nest of piracy. Red Bank was becoming the headquarters for the valiant outlaws.

Samuel Mason, a duly commissioned Justice of the Peace and a highly respected citizen of Red Bank, had suddenly turned bandit. His daughter had eloped with an underworld character by the name of Kuykendall, a bad man that had had his ears clipped in the East and carried "devil claws" in his pockets, with which he stripped the flesh from men's faces.

Mason was furious, however, and with a forced smile that concealed his evil intentions, he induced the pair to return to his home. A party was given in honor of the newly-weds, and all Red Bank joined in the celebration. As the party was drawing to a close, Kuykendall was shot from ambush. Mason and his son had disappeared. Captain John Dunn, the only peace officer in that section of the country, followed and was killed and his body left to decay along the roadside.

For five years, from 1798 to 1803, Mason and his men terrorized the country from Natchez to Cave-In-Rock with some of the most daring robberies that had ever been attempted in the valley. Kiel boats loaded with merchandise

for New Orleans were hauled to shore by the Masons, the crew murdered, the merchandise carried ashore, and the boat sunk. They specialized in robbing the boats along the river; however, and they kept an eye on Natchez Trace, and traders returning from New Orleans, that had escaped them on the trip down, were murdered and their money and property taken.

Samuel Mason, a former member of George Clark's "Long Knives", with an excellent record as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, had been transformed almost overnight from an honest, upright, honorable citizen into a heartless homicidal maniac that murdered helpless men, women and children at the slightest provocation.

After three years of slaughter along the shores of the Mississippi, he still yearned for the respectable life. He lived in the hope that he could some day return to civilization and take his place among men and live as he had in the first fifty-four years of his life.

In the fall of 1801, Mason rode down to Natchez, where he and his son, John, posed as retired planters. Free spenders and "high-livers," they made many friends in Natchez. However, their days were numbered, and this trio proved the beginning of the end for the Masons.

One day, while strolling down the street, he was recognized as the man who had robbed Colonel Joshua Baker of all his horses and \$2300 in money. Mason and his son were tried and Natchez and found guilty of the Baker robbery. They were led out of the old log jail of Natchez and given thirty-nine lashes each and ordered to leave town.

The humiliation of the public thrashing was more than the old man could stand. He returned to the old life of murder and robbery, and the trail of blood left by the infuriated Mason from Natchez to Little Prairie will forever remain as a blot upon the civilization of the early days of the Mississippi Valley.

Six months later, on January 11, 1803, Mason and his men were arrested in Little Prairie, near the present site of Caruthersville, and after a trial lasting for fifteen days, they were ordered to New Orleans in irons, to be tried by the Governor General.

After a voyage of two weeks, Don Robert McCoy, captain of the militia of New Madrid arrived in New Orleans with "Little Harpe", the four Masons, John Mason's wife and three children.

The high court ordered the prisoners returned to Natchez to be tried by the courts of the Mississippi Territory.

On the return trip, while their boat was tied to the river bank and most of the crew on shore, Mason and his men seized the boat, shot and wounded Captain McCoy, and made their escape.

Six months after their escape, "Little Harpe" and a man by the name of Mays returned to Natchez with Mason's head rolled in a ball of clay, to claim the reward that had been offered for the capture of Mason.

"Little Harpe" was recognized, and Mays as the man that was with Mason at the time Kuykendall was killed. After a short trial, they were led to the gallows field and hanged. Harpe's head was placed on a pole at one end of town and that of Mays at the other as a warning to outlaws that they were not wanted in and around Natchez.

The country west of the Mississippi river soon passed into the hands of the United States, and outlawry ceased to be a profession in the Mississippi Valley.

**Modern Woodmen Meeting**

Initiation of new members will be held Friday night at the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

The team from the Morehouse camp will be present as will visiting members from other towns. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All members are urged to be present.

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### DR. H. T. BLACKLEDGE DIES AT HOME IN COMMERCE

Dr. H. T. Blackledge, the only physician at Commerce, died Tuesday morning of myocarditis and complications. He was almost 73 years old.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Commerce Methodist church at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon. Masons will have charge of a burial service at the Oakdale cemetery near Commerce.

Dr. Blackledge is distantly related to several Sikeston residents. His father and grandfather were Scott and Mississippi countians, and he was born at Ste. Genevieve on March 11, 1863. He attended in succession the academy at Caledonia, Franklin high school in St. Louis, the University of Missouri at Columbia, and Washington University in St. Louis.

He was graduated in medicine at Washington in March, 1888, and went soon afterward to Farmington. After a year he moved to Thebes, Ill., where he remained six years. He had been practicing in Commerce forty-one years, and for thirty years he served as a physician for the Frisco railroad.

Dr. Blackledge is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Blackledge, a daughter, Mrs. Grace Williams of St. Louis; a son, Hugh Blackledge, postmaster at Commerce, and three grand children of St. Louis.

### SPKES ON SAFETY

The Rev. E. H. O'rear spoke on safety and a comprehensive safety campaign for motorists at a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday evening. The junior chamber, which is sponsoring a district-wide safety drive, has the support of Mr. O'rear, who recently preached on the subject.

### CONTINENTAL AGAIN PROVES ITS FAITH IN NEWSPAPER ADS

Ponca City, Okla., Feb. 20—During 1936 Continental Oil Company will spend nearly 75 per cent of its total consumer advertising appropriation for newspaper space it was announced here today by Wesley I. Nunn, advertising manager.

Nunn also stated that the Standard has been selected to carry Conoco advertising this year, and that his company has again approved one of the largest sales promotion budgets in its history.

"Continental's faith in the dividend earning power of newspaper advertising is founded upon sales increases directly traceable to this medium," said Nunn. "Last year, for example, there was a marked improvement in Company earnings, despite excessive gasoline taxes and other adverse factors. Sales of Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil also reached an all-time high.

"Business is definitely on the upgrade. And we are confident that aggressive newspaper advertising, quality products and a high standard of service will make this the most outstanding year in our history."

The Printers' Ink general index of advertising activity indicates a 6 per cent advance in 1935 over 1934 and a rise of 22 per cent above 1933, the lowest year of the depression.

### THE UPS-AND-DOWNS OF THE COUNTRY PUBLISHER

A check-up of figures relative to income of The Democrat-Argus and the cost of operating the business during the year 1935 shows some rather interesting things, especially with regard to the support it receives from local people. Theoretically a newspaper in a small city or town receives its revenue from advertising placed by local business men, which most papers supplement with income from commercial or "job" printing which they run out.

The facts are that so-called "local" advertising handled by this paper during 1935 lacked a great deal of providing for the actual labor expense involved in its production—the pay roll, in other words, which had to be met by some means or other each and every Saturday. As a matter of fact, both local and foreign advertising carried fall short by just about one thousand dollars of sustaining the payroll—which is by no means the whole expense of operation. It is further true that the whole income from job printing (which is far from being all profit) lacks a little more than a thousand dollars of sustaining the means whereby the "ghost could walk" regularly.

Take a look at the figures.

During the year 1935 The Democrat-Argus paid its employees, including wages, commissions, etc., the sum of \$8,043.12. Its receipts from all local advertising (exclusive of so-called classified, which is negligible) amounted to \$5,083.97. Add to this receipts from foreign advertising, \$2,262.94, and the total is \$7,348.91—approximately short of the pay roll expense by \$1000 as stated. Commercial printing brought in \$7,143.70—short by more than \$1,000 of the pay roll expenditures. But one should reflect in this connection that the cost of stock, ink, paper, etc., as well as labor, must be figured into this item and the job printer is lucky who makes a net profit of 10 to 20 per cent on the work he turns out.

So there must be other sources of income if a newspaper is to exist. These are found in legal printing, subscriptions, etc., and usually these receipts furnish the narrow margin of income over outgo by which the rural newspaper is able to stay in business—and when these are hit by the many other demands it can readily be realized that the word "narrow" is used advisedly. For one must remember there is outlay for paper stock, ink, and other items which go into the "manufacture" even of the newspaper itself; there are expenses for current, lights, rent, insurance, taxes, repairs, supplies of a dozen and one kinds. In most cases interest and capital indebtedness are to be considered and if there is anything left for replacements of worn materials, for new type, machinery, etc., the proprietor is fortunate.

And it must be remembered that the plant which does not make replacements occasionally and does not add to its equipment now and then is inevitably slated for retirement.

This is not written to spread

before the eyes of the community

the story of The Democrat-Argus' private affairs nor to tell the world it has made money or lost it. Rather we would like to point a sort of moral.

Merchants and business men often look upon themselves and their patronage of their local newspaper as the bone and sinew of its existence. Without their "contributions" for advertising sometimes they believe such institution could not carry on. In former days merchants were disposed to consider the ads they gave the "feller that runs the paper" as a sort of civic or community duty, to keep the paper alive and to assure the community of the benefit of its "boosting" and other good work. Mind you, we would not say that this is the situation here, for merchant advertisers in Caruthersville place ads for only one reason—to attract business to their stores. We do not believe they look upon their home paper as a charity object nor do we believe they would "contribute" advertisements out of the goodness of their hearts if they knew that without them the paper would close up shop. It is a cold business proposition with them and if they could see no benefit to themselves they would not advertise at all. In fact many do not advertise for these reasons. And this is exactly as we would have it, for when The Democrat-Argus can no longer deliver such benefits it will cease to solicit business.

But the logic of the figures is that this newspaper distributes more in wages annually by several thousands of dollars, to be spent in the stores and for various kinds of supplies furnished by local business men than these same business men turn in to the newspaper, for which they are immensely benefited by attraction of trade to their places. Particularly this is true because quite a large portion of the income accredited to "local advertising" is not really that of the merchants. It includes announcements of all kinds locally which range from notices to dog owners, for instance, by the city to advertising of basketball or football games, at the high school, as well as announcements of sales, etc., by the merchants.

Because it turns loose in the community to be spent therein more money than it receives from the merchants this newspaper is an asset to the business structure.

The Democrat-Argus or orders his printing done in this plant not only assures himself of the best of service but is really doing a good deed in the way of keeping the ball rolling in the marts of trade. Suppose you think this over—seriously.—Caruthersville Democrat-Argus.

### Personal and Society News From Salcedo

Mr. Carlos Johns and family of this community moved to Holland, Mo., this past week.

Ernest Tate of this community went to Cape Girardeau where he expects to undergo an operation. Clarence Cantrell and Charles Springs accompanied him.

Charles Steiglin and family of near Morehouse spent Sunday with Mr. Earl Gregory and family.

Clyde Gregory and family spent Sunday in Morehouse.

This community is sadly grieved over the death of the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wallace, born February 14, who was named Martha Sue. Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery.

There are now 11,000,000 persons out of work. Industry has never employed more than 9,000,000.

## Saturday, February 22nd Is the next sale date for the Sikeston Auction Co.

We will have another big day. There is consigned plenty of livestock, hogs, cattle, 50 mules and horses. Everybody come and supply your needs.

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Our last sale was a success, we sold 150 hogs, 50 cattle, all kinds, 60 mules and horses. This was very encouraging to the buyers and sellers as well as ourselves.

Our barn is located on Highway 60 were Lion St. joins.

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## Arkansas Centennial Rose to Honor Memory of Courageous Boy Spy

A rose, as a token of remembrance for a boy spy who gave his life rather than betray his unknowing Union informers, will bloom soon in yards and gardens throughout Arkansas as the official flower of the Arkansas Centennial Celebration.

The rattle of musketry and roar of artillery are only faded memories in the minds of a few remaining Confederate soldiers as Arkansas looks back with pride today on its contributions to the Union from which it once seceded. But the story of David O. Dodd's unalterable faith in his war-torn state will ever remain fresh and vivid before young generations as the years pass. It is the story of a serious-minded youth who held steadfast with unflinching courage even as the hangman's noose settled about his neck; of a boy who chose to die rather than expose friends who placed their faith in him.

Federal troops held a tight grip on Little Rock in the winter of 1864, when David Dodd was 17 years old. Born and reared in Pine Bluff, but afterward living in Camden, he had made frequent business trips for his father to Little Rock. Each time anger smouldered in his heart at sight of the blue-clad figures who were to him alien invaders of his native soil, and he resented the fact that he was too young to enter the fight.

### A Chance to Serve His State

One January day the boy applied for a pass from Gen. J. F. Fagan of the Confederate army near Camden, which also included a request to pass him through the Federal lines.

"David, it's too bad you're not in the army," the general said as he issued the pass. "You know this country, and a bright young man like you could get us a lot of valuable information."

The words sank deeply into the youth's soul, for at last he realized how best he might serve his cause. On his way through the lines he formulated an outlet for future action. He resolved to keep his eyes open and every sense alert.

During the following days David made friends with Federal soldiers, and this was not difficult for he was a likable youth and made no secret of the purpose of his business trips. From his new friends he received information of value to Confederate forces and he carefully noted the military positions of General Steele's Federal troops.

ways, church grounds, approaches to cities, and in other public and private places.

"This beautiful rose is a fitting tribute to the memory of a brave boy who stood by his convictions," Harvey Couch, chairman of the centennial commission, said recently. "In every community the memories of the past are the foundations upon which we build the future. The firm stand of David O. Dodd irrespective of political significance, should be a model for youth of today in meeting our present problems."

The rose itself, is a magnificent rich crimson, flushed scarlet, with well-shaped buds carried erect, symbolic of the unflinching courage of a boy. And then the buds open into large beautifully shaped flowers in final tribute to the boy spy who held firm and sent the brave boy to his death. But the rules of that bitter war were inflexible.

In a few remaining days General Steele visited the prisoner several times. At last he, too, begged David to accept liberty at the price set. But David O. Dodd, young as he was, was made of stern material. He scorned the offer, which he felt would have placed a lasting stigma on his name.

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Charleston, Mo., Feb. 15.—The Charleston Blue Jays played their last scheduled game of the season here, Friday night with Benton. Charleston boys lost their game, 30 to 24. The Charleston girls won their game 31 to 10, giving them an undefeated season.

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Benton: Smith, 12, Young, 5, Bollinger, 0, forwards; Beardslee, 5, center; Edmonds, 4, Lawrence, 4, guards.

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The Charleston girls have gone through their scheduled season of 11 straight games undefeated. They have scored 343 points to their opponents' 218 points. Yount scored 157 points, Bynum, 111, Smith, 48, Bonfield, 18, Forister, 7, and McCuton, 2.

The Charleston boys won 7 and lost 6 scheduled games this season. Charleston scored 324 points to their opponents' 233. Hay scored 106 points. Hequembourg, 79, Babb, 59, Jones, 32, Goodin, 28, Gilliland, 15, Taylor, 4, Dalton, 2, and Stone, 1.

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### BATTING HEAD AGAINST POSTS ONE WAY TO WIN A FALL, FANS DISCOVER

Fans learned a new trick Tuesday night when they saw Freddie Knickle and Eddie O'Shea wrestle.

The saw O'Shea get Knickle in a headlock and then rush him to the ring's posts to bat his head against the wood or the iron hooks that hold the ropes. They saw him stand in the center of the ring and glance viciously at the posts, and while they yelled for him to stop they saw him run to the posts and then back again to the middle of the ring. It wasn't hard to pull Knickle along after he had been struck a time or two, and O'Shea pinned him easily while he was dazed. The time for the first fall was nineteen minutes.

Mike Meroney said he did not know how the commission would rule on such tactics. The posts and iron hooks are in the ring and probably should be padded, he said. He awarded the fall to O'Shea.

Knickle won the next fall in thirty-two minutes with flying headlocks and a body pin and the third in eleven and a half minutes with a crab hold.

Both men weigh 170 pounds, but O'Shea was older and punch-drunk and unreliable. Since he is a seasoned wrestler, he had other tricks he used, including hair pulling, eye gouging, and below the belt hitting, mouth stretching. Meroney did his best to make O'Shea's wrestling clean and broke many of his unfairly secured holds.

The crowd liked Knickle's cool grave manner and his dexterity in getting out of difficult holds. He is very young and very calm in the ring and went about his business without excessive grunting. Fans went wild over him and cheered when he brought O'Shea back from outside the ropes or pulled hair from his chest.

Meroney wrestled Verne Clark in the preliminary because Frank Barfoot called at the last minute that he was ill. Meroney was still suffering from a broken thumb, suffered in a match with Buck Maguire at Poplar Bluff a week ago, and he lost to Clark in two straight falls. Clark got him first in twelve and a half minutes with a leg hold and the second in five and a half with a Japanese leg lock—the same one that he used to pin Charles Sinkey here two weeks ago. Knickle referred the match.

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### THE REAL DRIVER

#### 3—Anticipates What Other Drivers Will Do—DO YOU?

Almost any normal adult can learn to start, guide and stop a car under favorable conditions, but it requires a real driver to drive safely in emergencies. The unexpected actions of other drivers frequently cause motorists to do the wrong thing. The driver who can anticipate these actions usually will avoid accidents.

### SALCEDO-TANNER CLUBS MEET THURS.

Myrtle Cordell of Truman, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Lou Moye of Sikeston and eleven grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Crowe of the Buchanan apartments, went to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday to stay at Memphis.

Miss Nellie Goodman returned home Sunday from Clarksville, Mo., where burial services were held last Wednesday for her sister, Mrs. Ann Calvert, who passed away in Long Beach, Calif. the preceding week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cunningham of Desloge, Mo., are expected to spend this week end here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

Miss Margaret Patterson office assistant to Dr. H. M. Kendig, went to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday for a short course of training in laboratory work at the Memphis General Hospital. Miss Agnes Story has charge of the office in the absence of Miss Patterson.

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W. R. Darter is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Patterson on Trotter street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll moved into Sikeston, Tuesday, from their country home near Matthews, for the duration of the cold weather. They are living at the J. H. Kready home on North Stoddard street.

W. R. Anthony was hostess to the Drum and Bugle club, Wednesday night.

John Ferguson, of Cape Girardeau was a business visitor in Sikeston Tuesday afternoon.

Lyman Matthews and daughter and son, Miss Patricia and Emmet of Farmington were in Sikeston Sunday to see their mother and grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Matthews, who is convalescing from an attack of influenza at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard McMullin.

Dr. Drace, eye, ear nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted, ff—Clay Halley, out of St. Louis, was a Sikeston visitor Wednesday and called at The Standard office for a visit. He was formerly attached to Division 10 of the State Highway Department, when Matt Murray first organized this division.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Anna Andres, he is survived by two sons, George C. and Jesse, both of Sikeston; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Newman, Mrs. Letha Casleberry, of Sikeston and Mrs.

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**Personal And  
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From Matthews**

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Singleton of Sikeston were 12 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Critchlow, Sunday.

W. H. Deane, Sr., attended to business in New Madrid Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartzell had the following at 12 o'clock dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Dodin and Miss Helen Hartzell of Cape Girardeau and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gray and children of Sikes-ton.

Donald Story and daughter Ann returned Sunday from Prairie where they the past three weeks with parents and grandparents, and Mrs. E. C. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Deane and family spent Sunday at the W. H. Deane home.

Miss Margaret Weissenborn spent Sunday at the W. H. Deane home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Depro of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Depro of Sikeston spent Sunday at LaForge with Mr. and Mrs. Mart Johnson.

Mrs. Albert Deane and daughters, Helen and Betty Jo, motored to Portageville Saturday to visit Mrs. Deane's uncle, Mr. Will Moss who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shuckman and family of near Sikeston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Linn Price are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitten and son, Lyman, Mrs. Albert Sutton and Mrs. Ellis V. Reid shopped in Cape Girardeau Friday and visited their daughter and sister Mrs. Cline T. Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis of near Sikeston and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGee and baby of this place visited with Mrs. Carrie Anderson, Sunday.

Mr. Dimple Gurley is spending the week in Sikeston with her sister Mrs. Bert Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Jones and little daughter of Sikeston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. King of Sikeston were Matthews visitors Sunday.

**Lumsden-Spaulding**

Miss Leola Spaulding and Nelson Lumsden were married Wednesday evening at Anniston by Rev. D. M. Margraves, pastor of the Methodist church at that place and formerly pastor here.

Mrs. Lumsden is the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spaulding, and is very popular among the younger set. She is a graduate of the Matthews high school, and has since been employed at a local store.

Mr. Lumsden is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lumsden. He is a graduate of the Matthews high school and has attended the Murray Teachers' College of Murray, Ky., and the Cape Girardeau Teachers' College. He is a young man of fine standing in the community and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

The young couple expect to reside on a farm south of Canalou. We join their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

**PLAN YOUR GARDEN**

The garden should be a year round project. Now is the time to decide what you will grow. The winter gardening is the most enjoyable part of the work because all this is done with paper and pencil and requires no physical labor, says Anne Sillers, home demonstration agent for New Madrid county. In planning the garden be sure to plan for from twenty to thirty varieties of vegetables so you will have a large enough variety to serve two vegetables and potatoes during the entire year and the family will tire of none of them. Variety adds much to the meal.



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**DISPELLING THE FOG**

By Charles Michelson

A news dispatch from Chicago the other day recounted that Jouett Shouse had announced that Alfred E. Smith would lead two million of voters out of the Democratic Party next November.

Of course, political propaganda peddlers, like Mr. Shouse and others, are expected to make extravagant claims of defections on the other side, etc., but it does not sound like an effective manifestation of the art of press agency to promulgate self-destroying nonsense.

Never in the political history of this country has an individual been able to deliver any considerable number of votes from one party to the other. Leaders have retained their personal following for themselves at times as did the elder La Follette, for example, but does anybody suppose that the Great Republican Progressive had he lived, could have turned Wisconsin over to Alfred E. Smith in 1928?

Voters change their political allegiance for many reasons, but they do not change because somebody else deserts to the other side. Actually, voters refuse to get excited over any individual's particular disappointment or grievance. It always has been so, and just as invariably does the grieved one regard the manifestation as evidence of the public's ingratitude.

Perhaps if Governor Smith were leading his own revolt he might muster a respectable group, but those who might follow the brown derby will not march under the banner of the duPont Liberty League. Their admiration for the New Yorker was born of their faith in his championship of their cause against the very same interests that he now finds so admirable. In any event, the one-time Happy Warrior has proclaimed that he is not and will not be a candidate. So speculation on how many will trail after him under other conditions is purely academic.

**"Bringing Back to Memory"**

It is curious to note the reaction to Senator Joe Robinson's pulling the record on Alfred E. Smith and bringing back to memory the latter's passionate resentment of the charge that he was Socialistic. The New Yorker was born of their faith in his championship of their cause against the very same interests that he now finds so admirable. In any event, the one-time Happy Warrior has proclaimed that he is not and will not be a candidate. So speculation on how many will trail after him under other conditions is purely academic.

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However, the column was never a part of a slave market; but, back in slavery days, it helped to support the roof of a famous produce market. It is related that an itinerant preacher foretold the destruction of the market, which he declared would be brought about either by fire or by wind. In 1878, a cyclone tore its way through the heart of Augusta and fulfilled the prophecy. The only part of the structure which survived was the hand-marked column.

A new produce market was erected on the site of the original market, but a few feet away from the column. In the last 57 years, the column has continued to obstruct traffic and the city officials decided after the deaths of the two workmen that it could continue to obstruct traffic without further interference from them.

A few months ago, a truck driver alleged to be a trifle under the influence of strong drink ran into the column and knocked it over. No one wished to tamper with the curse and undertake to drag the stone away, so Mr. Easterling, who now owns the produce market, had it set back on its base. So far as is known, the truck-driver is still enjoying good health—perhaps because he did not attack the landmark intentionally, if hoodoo is influenced by alibis.

I remember a few years back when Jouett Shouse was barn-storming from one end of the country to the other portraying the shortcomings of Mr. Hoover and fiercely demanding justice for the common man against the raids and forays of the privileged interests. That was when he was upholding the banner of Democracy against the Black Flag of tariff lobbyists and monopolists as vigorously as Alfred E. Smith had done a short time before.

**Eminent Publicists Extoll League's Virtues**

At that time, Mr. Shouse, chairman of an non-existent executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, was under fire by all the Hoover defenders—Frank Kent, Mark Sullivan, David Lawrence, and a host of others—all shrilling at him that John Raskob was financing a campaign to "Smear Hoover." Now, of course, all these eminent publicists are chanting the excellencies of the "Liberty League" and are vibrant in their admiration of Mr. Shouse's duPont-official exposition of the high purposes of his outfit.

The most frequent charge is that other time was that I wrote Mr. Shouse's speeches. There was just as much truth in the accusation then as there is to the story about Senator Robinson's reply to Governor Smith now.

Here was Mr. Shouse, perhaps the readiest public speaker of his time, so well-equipped that he usually spoke without notes, and many of his speeches were made a nation's length away from Democratic headquarters. Now, why on earth would he have required a ghostwriter to frame his vehement eloquence?

During the same period nearly

every conspicuous Democrat in and out of Congress was making himself heard through the newspapers or over radio; it did not make any difference if it was Senator Thomas J. Walsh, with his deep philosophy of constitutional law, or Senator Pat Harrison, with his inimitable humor and sarcasm, or Senator Key Pittman revealing what he had learned in a life-time study of the silver question, or Cordell Hull with all his tariff law—the utterances were all attributed to the publicity department of the Democratic National Committee. That department would have had to be an encyclopedia incarnate, as well as being qualified to act as construction foreman on the Tower of Babel if it did half the things attributed to it. If it were qualified to do all these things well, it would have had to be competent to fill all the faculty chairs of all the colleges.

It is the job of the publicity department to gather all the information possible, to have a record of what pretty much everybody of importance has said during the permutations and combinations of current politics. In this way, it is a reservoir of data on which speakers frequently draw, but it does not supply all the wits and wisdom and eloquence that crops out during an election struggle.

The other theory is a compliment, but, sad to say, it is only one of many campaign myths.

**The Black Hand of Augusta**

In the middle of the sidewalk at Broad and Fifth Streets, Augusta, Ga., there stands a Roman Doric stone column ten or twelve feet high, about which time has woven a fearsome legend and one not altogether lacking corroborating circumstances. Strangely but logically enough, even the most unbelievable traditions usually have an element of truth in them.

On the soiled ash-colored side of the column, perhaps a yard above the sidewalk, there appears a cloudy but unmistakable imprint of a black hand. It has been there since "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary" and there is no record to account for its first appearance, nor have all the rains of years on end served to wash away the stain.

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Jackets are "tops" this spring in fashion! Brief boleros . . . English boy buttoned types—waist length ones. We have all . . . over full-fledged dresses . . . in colors smartest for now and spring. Other new frocks—one piece—in prints, pastels, darks—



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have difficulty in obtaining a stand.

**Grasses Hold the Soil  
Against Rippling Winds**

Farmers in the Texas Panhandle are learning how to save soil imperiled by rippling prairie wind.

"In large areas of the Panhandle, much land that seemed doomed to desert conditions last spring, when dust storms were

the plains to pieces, has been stabilized by listing, contouring, and seeding to adaptable soil-holding vegetation," H. H. Bennett, Chief Soil Conservation Service says. "Some of the recently treated desert areas are still drifting sand in 2 minutes by holding the end aperture of an ordinary envelope about 1 inch above the ground during a light breeze."

Frank Nealon, 23, of New

York, was killed when he fell downstairs with a quarter of a keg of beer which he was carrying home for guests. The keg rolled down and struck him on the head, inflicting fatal injuries.

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## Two Accused of Practicing Fraud On Semo Farmers

Two men and women were arrested at a New Madrid roadhouse Monday for questioning about a widespread veterinarian's racket in Southeast Missouri.

They said they are "Dr." John Davis of Oklahoma and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Moore of Kennett. Sheriff Sam Harris, who made the arrests, said Davis had collected hundreds of dollars from Stoddard, New Madrid and Dunklin county farmers by posing as a veterinarian.

Reports of the activities of a fake veterinarian in this district have been current for several weeks. R. L. Furry, Scott county extension agent, said recently that no complaints had reached his office from farmers near here.

Formal charges were not filed against the three at New Madrid. They were taken to Poplar Bluff, where Davis is wanted on a \$1000 check charge. Further action will be taken on the advice of the state department of agriculture at Jefferson City.

Thirty-five farmers of ten Southeast Missouri counties have sent complaints to the office of Dr. H. E. Curry, state veterinarian in Jefferson City, the first one arriving January 30 from Dunklin county. Estimated loss to the thirty-five in stock deaths and collection of fees is \$50,000.

In most instances the sickness has been fatal to stock. It was accompanied by an extreme swelling of the glands of the throat and head and in each case had followed within a day after the visit of two strangers at the farms where stock has been affected. Subsequent investigation would reveal that the animals were suffering from the effects of either turpentine or formalin, which had almost certainly been injected in the nostrils or the masseter muscles of the animals' throats.

Dr. Curry learned from the Arkansas state veterinarian that a John Davis had practiced in the state south of here as a veterinarian for several years before 1924 under a non-graduate license. It had been revoked on charges that its holder perpetrated similar frauds among Arkansas farmers.

## Clint H. Denman Home Total Loss From Fire

The home of Clint H. Denman was badly damaged by fire Wednesday afternoon, when soot from a flue burning out ignited roof shingles. Fire Chief John A. Young said the house was a total loss and that most of the furniture was ruined. He estimated the damage at \$4000.

The entire roof was aflame before a pedestrian saw the fire as he walked down Matthews avenue and went into the house to notify the maid, who was in the front room.

Fires arrived soon afterward, but they worked two hours before they had the blaze under control. Flying sparks caught Tom Denman's son, Paul Denman, and members of his family. They had not intended to return before the last of the month.

For a long time we have believed every man should have two wives and since this long spell of zero weather we are stronger in our belief than ever. With a plump wife on either side a fellow could possibly sleep warmer these cold nights.

Elmos Taylor feels that he has given full satisfaction to the City of Sikeston as Collector and for that reason is asking for further consideration at the hands of the voters at the April election. Elmos is a good citizen, has given the office close attention and if honored with another term will continue to look after the interest of the city to the best of his ability.

When in St. Louis it will not be unlawful for a woman to get her belly to the bar just like a man and order her drink. So when in that city and want to show off go into any old bar, order your favorite drink, light your cigarette and cuss like a man.

We read in the daily press as to how many good Democrats there are in this nation ready to "take a walk" with Al Smith on election day, either into the Republican party or off into some lonesome place and forget an election is being held. We can't speak for the rest of the Nation, but here in Howard county we doubt if you should comb the county with the finest toothed comb manufactured, you would find a single Democrat that has any idea of following Al Smith in his walk out of the Democratic party.—Armstrong Herald.

William Royster & Sons of near Silex sold 160 fat hogs on the St. Louis market this week. The hogs averaged 240 pounds. Mr. Royster received \$10.45 for them, so that his check for the amount to \$3,900. Some hog story!—Troy Free Press.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year.

Men engaged in the racket would first visit a farm ostensibly to ask the occupant the way to the farm of some fictitious person. One of the two who posed as a veterinarian would say he had been notified to go to the farm of the man he pretended to be seeking to treat a sick animal. While the supposed veterinarian talked with the farmer his companion would casually walk to the barns. It is believed that then the solution was administered to the stock. Often distress of the animals was noticeable only a few hours after the men left.

In a day or two, the alleged veterinarian and his companion would find some pretext to revisit the farm. The occupant would then tell of the strange illness afflicting his animals and would ask the veterinarian to examine them. The veterinarian, in turn, would immediately call the disease by some name and report that he knew an unfailing cure. Fees for his treatment of the stock ranged from \$10 to \$50.

Because most of the victims were persons with small farms, the loss of stock and heavy payments of fees are disastrous.

The veterinarian was known to many farmers as Dr. John Davis and was said to be between 50 and 55 years old, about five and a half feet tall, and of heavy build, weighing approximately 210 pounds. He was bald and of dark complexion. His companion, known as Ted Moore, was described as being younger, tall, and slender.

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## WASHINGTON

### TO IMPROVE ATHLETIC FIELD AT HIGH SCHOOL

National youth administration employees will begin soon to build tennis courts, a jumping pit, a volleyball court, a baseball diamond, and a tackling pit and to improve a 100-yard straight-away cinder track on high school grounds immediately north of the football field. Charles Wynn, district NYA supervisor, said Thursday.

Young men between 16 and 25 will be placed at work on the project as soon as weather conditions are more satisfactory.

Mr. Wynn emphasized that youths who want to work under the NYA must first register with the national re-employment office in Benton.

### Bulldog Growler to Appear Soon

The first issue of the Bulldog Growler, a newspaper members of the freshman class are editing, will probably be "off the press" today. Material for the paper has been sent to the commercial department, where it will be typed and mimeographed. Catherine Ann Cook is editor-in-chief for the first issue.

### Many Attending Democratic Meet

Many young Democrats here are to leave late Thursday for Jefferson City to attend a state organization meeting being held there today and tomorrow. In addition to Sikeston's eight delegates to the convention, numerous other young party leaders will attend, including WPA employees. The district WPA office will be closed Saturday.

### NEGRO ADULT EDUCATION TEACHERS TO MEET HERE

A district meeting of negro adult education teachers will be held in Sunset addition here on Friday, March 6, the Rev. C. F. Collins, supervisor of the project in twenty Southeast Missouri counties, announced yesterday.

Bobby Greer and members of his orchestra, who are N.B.C. and C. B. S. broadcasting artists, will play, and a floor show of ten acts, the largest ever seen in Northeast Arkansas or Southeast Missouri, will be offered.

A seven-course dinner will be served at 9 o'clock, and charges of \$3 for each person will include admission, federal and state tax, and dinner. Residents may call or write for reservations.

Bobby Greer will play for lunch and dinner each day in the hotel's main dining room, as well as three nights every week for dancing in the Blue Room. On Sunday evenings, persons who have dinner in the Blue Room will be entertained with special concert programs by the orchestra. Popular prices will prevail.

The open market value of bonds listed on the New York Stock Exchange increased \$949,103,000 during January to a total of \$40,347,862,478 on February 1.

Various problems of livestock production will be discussed at a meeting of the Missouri Livestock Association to be held at the high school gymnasium here on February 26, beginning at 10:15 a. m. "Prices speak louder than words," says Professor E. A. Trowbridge, of the Missouri College of Agriculture. Mr. Trowbridge will be one of the main speakers and will discuss the "Horse and Mule situation of Southeast Missouri."

C. W. Sheppard, president of the Missouri Livestock Association, which, more or less, is responsible for livestock interests. He will bring out many facts of interest to livestock producers of this section. "Livestock Credit" will be discussed by Mr. Joseph C. Groves, president of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of St. Louis. It is well known that livestock credit is one of our main problems here in Southeast Missouri and should be of more than usual interest to livestock men in this area.

"Getting to Market in Good Shape" will be the topic discussed by H. D. Timberlake, of the National Stock Yards, Illinois.

Improper management and handling of livestock during shipment

## Livestock Men To Meet Here On February 26

often reduces profits from livestock, Mr. Timberlake, being a man of much experience on the receiving end of livestock shipped into the stock yards, will have a very interesting discussion and should be very educational.

The National Livestock and Meat Board has done much to call attention to the value of meat as a food for the consuming public.

R. C. Pollock, manager of this organization, will speak on "Marketing the Market for Livestock."

Mr. Pollock is known as a very enterprising and instructive speaker.

A discussion will be given on the "Production Problems of Livestock" by T. A. Ewing, extension specialist of the Missouri College of Agriculture. He will bring out many points regarding livestock management which have proven successful. John Montgomery of Dexter will give a short discussion on "Livestock and the Livestock Situation of Southeast Missouri."

A large representation from the following counties is expected to attend the meeting: Mississippi, Dunklin, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard, Cape Girardeau, Perry, Bollinger, Wayne, and Scott.

The Sikeston Bulldogs advanced to the semi-finals of the Scott-Mississippi county basketball tournament at Benton Wednesday night when they defeated the Charleston Blue Jays 33 to 13. Sikeston had beaten Vanduser 23 to 7 in the first round of play Tuesday.

The Bulldogs were to meet Diehstadt Thursday night, the winner to play the winner of the Benton-Fornfelt match. Finals will be tonight.

In the first round games Tuesday, Fornfelt defeated Orson, 49 to 26; Benton eliminated Morley, 29 to 20; Diehstadt won from Aniston, 19 to 18; and Charleston beat Blodgett 29 to 12. Fornfelt defeated Ilmo; Benton best East Prairie; and Diehstadt won from Chaffee Wednesday night.

### SHERIFF FOLLOWS MANOR TRAIL INTO ILLINOIS

Sheriff Joe Anderson returned from Illinois early Thursday morning after searching all night for John Manor, a former convict who escaped more than a week ago from the Benton jail, where he was being held for hearing on a charge of murdering W. T. Carlton at Gray's Point May 8.

Anderson had received a tip that Manor was hiding in Illinois, but he found no trace of him. Carlyle Payne, who also escaped, is still at large, and Claude McGee and Buck Carter, other of the four who fled from the jail, are in custody.

Anderson was ordered Thursday to rest for several days to prevent pneumonia. He has slept only fifteen hours since the escape a week ago Tuesday and is suffering from exposure.

### 20 Stopped for License Violation

Trooper Melvin Dace said yesterday that highway patrolmen have arrested about twenty motorists for failure to have 1936 state license tags on their cars. The twenty were stopped in the several Southeast Missouri counties near here. An additional ten have been arrested in other counties of the Troop E territory.

### TOPICS FOR NAZARENE REVIVAL ANNOUNCED

The Rev. C. F. Transue announced yesterday subjects and special songs for revival services now being conducted at the Church of the Nazarene by the Rev. J. D. Havener of Flat River. Homer Maddox of Paducah, Ky., is song leader.

The revival opened Sunday and will continue through next week. The subjects and songs:

Thursday night—Selling for Nothing and Buying Without Money. Song: "Have You Counted the Cost?"

Friday night—The Great Discovery. Song: "Jesus is Mighty."

Saturday night—Holiness: What Is and What It's Like. Song: "The Abiding Place."

Sunday morning—The Great God in the Hands of a Man. Song: "Have You Forgotten God?"

Sunday night—The World's Greatest Detective. Song: "Sin Is to Blame."

### Orchestra to Give Concert

The high school orchestra will present a concert in the auditorium Monday evening, March 2, to raise funds for purchase of a bass viol. The program is the first one the orchestra has sponsored. A large crowd is expected to attend.

### Girls Win 51 to 38

Sikeston girls won 51 to 38 when they played their last basketball game of the season with Matthews here Monday night. The match had been postponed from Friday so that the Pirates could compete in the Hayti girls' tournament.

### TWO WIN HONORS FOR BUSINESS PROFICIENCY

Gertrude Harrison won second place for January in a nationwide business letter writing contest conducted monthly by the Business Education World, Superintendent Roy V. Ellis announced yesterday. Miss Harrison, a senior, is a student of Miss Electa O'Hara.

Mr. Ellis also announced that Ellen Davy has received an efficiency certificate for typing sixty-two words a minute in a typing class conducted by Miss Daisy Evans.

### Charles McMullin Initiated Into Phi Gamma

Charles McMullin, who is taking a pre-law course at the University of Missouri, has written to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McMullin, that Sunday, February 16, he was formally initiated into the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, to which he has been pledged since last fall.

## SIKESTON STANDARD

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Practically everything the Democratic party has accomplished has been done despite Jim Reed, and his announcement that he intends to oppose the re-election of President Roosevelt doesn't throw any quivers into Democrats. Jim has stepped into big money via matrimony and corporation law practice and no longer decries the evils of the wealthy class which is now seeking to get the government returned to its hands. It was never embarrassing for our former United States Senator to desert one crowd which had been loyal to him and go over to the enemy. He was elected district attorney of Kansas City on a reform ticket and re-elected by the red-light districts. He fought the drys but flirted with the drunks in an attempt to beat Al Smith out of the Democratic nomination for President in 1928. The Cash-Book believes in a man who is a man should associate with his ilk and it is very pleasing to this paper to see Jim Reed align with the Republicans where he rightfully belongs. —Jackson Cash-Book.

YOUR INCOME TAX  
NO. 3WHEN TO REPORT INCOME  
FROM SALARIES, WAGES ETC.

Of the millions of income-tax returns that are filed annually, the vast majority are from salaried persons and wage earners whose income is derived from personal services.

In general, compensation for personal services should be reported for taxation purposes in the year it is received or unqualifiedly made subject to demand. Compensation credited to the account of or set apart for a taxpayer, without any substantial limitation or restriction, and which may be drawn upon by him at any time, is subject to tax for the year during which so credited or set apart, although not then actually reduced to possession. If the services were rendered during the year 1934, or even prior thereto, but the compensation was not received, or made unqualifiedly subject to demand, by the taxpayer until the year 1935, the entire amount is taxable in the year received, or made unqualifiedly subject to demand, when the taxpayer is reporting on the cash receipts and disbursements basis, which is the basis used by most persons in reporting net income.

The names of all employees to whom payments of \$1,000 or over a year are made must be reported. The information return should be made on form 1099, accompanied by transmittal form 1096 showing the number of returns filed. These returns should be filed on or before February 15, 1936.

All of the various types of compensation, unless specifically exempt by fundamental law, should be included in the taxpayer's return of gross income, such as salaries, wages, fees, commission, bonuses, tips, honorariums, prizes, awards, retiring allowances for past services, etc. Where services are paid for in whole or in part with something other than money, the fair market value of the thing taken in payment must be included as income. Other items subject to tax are fees received by ministers of the gospel for funerals, baptisms, masses, and like services; executors' fees; directors' fees; Federal jury fees; and prizes received in contests of various kinds.

The salaries of Federal officers and employees are subject to tax, including the salary of the President of the United States and judges of courts of the United States taking office after the date of the enactment of the Revenue Act of 1932, which was June 6, 1932. The salary of the Vice-President of the United States, and the salaries of members of the House of Representatives and the Members of the United States Senate are also subject to income tax.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ordelheide left Wednesday morning for a week's visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tasker in Dodge City, Kan.

## Personal and Society News From Oran

Rev. Sutterfield of Ellington was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Seger and preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning. It will be remembered Rev. Sutterfield was here last year assisting in a revival.

Mr. and Mrs. McLain were in Sikeston Sunday, guests at the Mrs. Virgin Morrison home. They were called there earlier in the week also, by the serious illness of Mrs. Morrison's son Myron, who is gradually improving.

Word has been received here from the CCC Camp near Reno Nevada that Arnold Bryant is in a hospital seriously ill after undergoing an operation for mastoid abscess. His many friends hope he will rapidly recover.

Mrs. Cuba Burkhardt was sick last Thursday and unable to work in the sewing room. Mrs. Johnson was absent on Monday also, due to the illness of her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Myers and son Ross of near Bloomfield, spent the week-end with home folks. Mr. Myers expects to go to Texas soon, where he will enter a veterans' hospital for treatment. Mrs. Myers will remain here for a time with her parents.

Mrs. De Priest has sold her farm to Mrs. Jeda Joyce and will go to St. Louis for an extended visit with her son Jim, and family. We understand Mrs. Joyce sold her farm west of town to Mr. Phillips.

Clyde Poe was in Perkins Sunday where he had charge of the funeral of a son of Mr. Pirtle and on Monday, for the funeral of Mr. Tom Patterson.

Old Man Winter came out of the north again Monday afternoon and gave us another dose of real winter weather. The cutting wind blew the snow in all directions. As a result of the continued cold there is quite a lot of sickness.

Mrs. Byers was unable to be at work in the sewing room Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Ventres went to Delta last week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Cleve Evans of south of town spent Monday with Mrs. Chas. Oliver.

There will be a chicken pie supper Tuesday night in the basement of the Methodist church, given by the ladies of the church. Supper served at six o'clock. Everybody invited.

There was a beautiful wedding at the Guardian Angel church Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock when Miss Marcella Reiminger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Reiminger of the Caney neighborhood became the bride of Frank Pobst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Pobst. Nuptial mass was read by Rev. Fr. Helmbacher. Attendants were Vernita and Bernita Pobst, twin sisters of the groom and Theon and Benjamin Reiminger, brothers of the bride. A wedding dinner was served at

Tall Tales  
As told to:  
FRANK E. and  
SCOTT  
WATSON

## When You See a Wimpuss—

A WIMPUS, according to A. T. Butcher, editor of the Altoona (Kan.) Tribune, is a rare animal which grows about as big as a hoochie-bug, but it has a long tail like a collywop and wings like a bearcat. It lives in the top of high trees, whence it flies down to attack defenseless travelers. However, no harm is to be feared from a wimpuss if you know what to do when you see one coming.

It is folly to shoot at one, for a wimpuss catches bullets in its teeth and eats them. The only way to do when one comes at you is to take a piece of cheese, either Edam or Swiss, and tack it securely on a waterfall. The wimpuss makes a swoop at the cheese and gets mixed up with the waterfall and gets its feet wet.

It makes a wimpuss mad as all get-out when he gets his feet wet. So he hunts around for a nice piece of grass to dry them on. The minute the wimpuss lights on the grass, the hunter rushes at him and ties his tail in a double bow knot. When a wimpuss has his tail tied in a double bow knot he is gone, because when he ties it always ducks his head under his body to see who is following him. In doing this he gets his head caught in the double knot and chokes himself to death. —Western Newspaper Union.

the Reiminger home to the immediate families. The young couple will go to housekeeping on a farm near Chaffee, at once. Their many friends extend congratulations and well wishes for a happy married life.

The Ernest Bryant, H. B. Myers Clarence Abernathy families and Mrs. Anna Wise attended the funeral of Mr. Cannon in Forney Sunday afternoon.

Mac Abernathy and family returned to their home in Benton Sunday after a couple of weeks' stay here during the illness of their small daughter, Melba.

XENOLINE BOYETTE WED  
TO RALPH E. BAILEY, JR.

Miss Xenoline Boyette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyette, and Ralph E. Bailey, Jr., a son of Mr. and R. E. Bailey were married Saturday night at the home of the Rev. R. M. Talbert in Cape Girardeau.

Mr. Talbert read the service before the living room fireplace at his residence. Miss Mildred Watson and J. Earl Limbaugh were attendants.

After the ceremony, Mrs. Talbert served refreshments to members of the bridal party and to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Bailey and to

John Bailey, who were also present.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Bailey are graduates of the Sikeston high school. Mr. Bailey attended the Cape Girardeau teachers' college for two years and is now employed by the Mitchell-Sharp Chevrolet Company.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Morning worship—9 o'clock  
Sermon by the pastor. Subject: "The Twenty-four Elders of the Apocalypse."Evening Worship—7:30 o'clock  
The Rev. C. E. Vandermatin of Springfield, Mo., will preach at the evening services.Sunday School—10 o'clock  
Christian Endeavor—6:30.AMATEUR BROADCASTERS  
RENDER MANY SERVICES

The service Harry Young rendered Monday night when he supplied information valuable to the Lovelace family of Godfrey, Ill., at no cost to them is typical of work done by persons with amateur radio broadcasting sets.

Some people complain about the amateurs, saying they interfere with the reception of large station programs. If they do, it is only because the amateur is tuned too close to the big station or because radios are faulty. Both these conditions can easily be corrected.

Amateurs are not permitted to broadcast programs, but they may run phonograph records to test reception and they may talk with other amateurs. Harry Young says that he has made 161 contacts in 23 states since he got his set in July. This is rather remarkable since his set is only 90 watts. Many have ones with 1000-watt power. Mr. Young's call number is W9VWD.

Regularly on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, Mr. Young talks to his son, Harry C. Young, Jr., at Lexington, Va., where he is a student in the Virginia Military Institute. Harry, Jr., has only a short wave receiving set, so he does not hear his father's voice well. Because of the danger of failure to get a message through, a friend of Mr. Young's in another Virginia town always listens to Mr. Young's words then repeats parts of them as they are said. Harry, Jr., can always hear the friend better than his father.

The other day Mr. Young quieted the fears of a Mt. Vernon, Ill., man whose mother had gone to Memphis to escape cold weather and had not been heard from since. Mr. Young noticed that the Mt. Vernon amateur broadcaster had tried unsuccessfully for two days to reach a Memphis amateur. At last the two heard one another but they couldn't understand

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The first day a man is a guest, the second a burden, the third a pest!

FEBRUARY

19—Edison is granted a patent on the phonograph, 1878

20—Mary Garden, great opera singer, born, 1877

21—First through train from east reaches Chicago, 1852

22—Spain surrenders Florida to United States, 1839

23—Henderson starts first express service in United States, 1839

24—French start construction work on the Panama Canal, 1881

25—Denmark acknowledges U.S. independence, 1783

OLD MAN STAYED WITH  
DEAD SISTER FOR 3 DAYS

George Sassel, a 71-year-old farmer of near Mill Spring told Coronor F. C. Yates Monday that his sister, Miss Malinda Hassell, 64, had died Thursday as she sat on his lap and that for three days and nights he stayed with her body since inclement weather kept him from going to neighbors to tell of her death.

Neither Hassell nor his sister had ever married. They had lived together on the farm seven miles south of Mill Spring for many years, and when their mother died in 1910, they bought the land from other heirs and decided to spend the rest of their lives on it.

Sunday morning Hassell reached the home of a neighbor and first told how his sister died at 3 o'clock last Thursday, while he held her as he sat near the fireplace of their three-room home.

He could not put her on a bed, he related, because he had been made weak by exposure and lack of proper food. He did drag her body into the bedroom, where he left it on the floor between two beds. During the rest of Thursday and all of Friday and Saturday he stayed in the house, getting out of bed at intervals to warm himself at the fire and to eat.

The coroner learned during an investigation Monday that the Hassells had plenty of food but that it had not been prepared properly since Miss Hassell became ill. He found a total of \$3.18 distributed in several tobacco sacks, and he learned that although the Hassells had a good kitchen range, they did most of

CUNNINGHAM OUTPOINTED  
IN GOLDEN GLOVES MATCH

James Cunningham, a Ft. Riley, Kan., soldier and former resident, was outpointed in a three-round match with Henry Holleyman of Haskell Institute during the preliminaries of a Golden Glove amateur boxing tournament in Kansas City Monday night. Cunningham fought in the 147-pound division.

Cunningham gained a chance to fight in Kansas City by becoming the Kansas welterweight boxing champion after bouts held in Sa-

lina, Kan., last month. Winners of

division contests will fight at the national Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago and have chances to compete in the national A. A. U. meeting in Cleveland and to try out for places on the Olympic team in Chicago.

Cunningham is a son of Henry Cunningham of Sikeston.

their cooking in winter at the fireplace.

He found, also, that one of two cats the Hassells owned had been tied to a chair near the fireplace with a small rope. The other had a rope around its neck but was not tied. The family dog was tied under the cabin.

YOUNG BAR MEMBERS  
TWO AT SESSION TONIGHT

Two candidates will be initiated at a regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America lodge in the I. O. O. F. hall at 7:30 this (Friday) evening. E. B. Moore the consul, announced Tuesday. The initiation will be conducted by members of the Morehouse Forester team.

Attorneys who attended this week's session included Robert A. Dempster, Conly Purcell, and David E. Blanton of Sikeston; W. Clifton Banta, Marshall Craig, and Tom Brown of Charleston; and R. B. Oliver, III, Jack Kneehans, James Finch, Jr., and R. P. Smith of Cape Girardeau.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

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The elder Mr. McAmis had been in ill health for two years, suffering from high blood pressure. Last week, when he became critically ill, Z. E. McAmis was called. He went to Cleveland Thursday, but returned here Monday.

Funeral services were held Wednesday. Besides a son and daughter, Mr. McAmis is survived

by his wife; two daughters, one a resident of Cleveland, Tenn., and the other of California; and two other sons, one of whom lives in Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. McAmis expect to return Thursday night or this morning.

## SURPRISE DINNER

FOR MRS. SWANAGON  
DISCUSS COURT RULINGS  
Monday evening, at six o'clock Mrs. Sallie Swanagon was tendered a surprise at her home on Center street, in honor of her seventy-first birth anniversary. A birthday cake was a feature of the meal at which twenty-two members of the family were present. They were: Mr. and Mrs. John Husner and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tindler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Swanagon and family, Misses Gustine and Marie Swanagon, Harold Swanagon and the honoree.

## CO-WORKERS

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. O. Rodes on Tanner Street, with Mrs. A. R. Towse, assistant hostess.

Reports from committees were made, including one that about fifty dollars were realized from the Valentine Tea. This money will be added to the fund already accumulated toward the purchase of a new carpet for the Methodist church.

Alfred Sneed and Miss Beatrice Parks, both of Sikeston, were married Friday, January 31, at Charleston, by the Rev. G. N. Gale of that city. Sneed is with the Martin Oil Co. of this city and he and his bride are living at Miner.

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## McKNIGHT KEATON GROCERY COMPANY

### Hollywood Star-Lites

By Chuck Cochard

#### STATE SAFETY GROUP MAILS QUESTIONNAIRE

Submitting twelve questions on traffic accident prevention, the first 100,000 ballots are being mailed this week by Missouri Safety Mobilization.

They are being sent to leading civic, commercial, safety, religious, fraternal, labor, and transport groups, in an effort to secure a poll of public opinion on proposals relating to accident prevention and related subjects, said Oliver T. Remmers, general chairman.

Questions raised on the ballot include: Do you favor: "Speed governors, compulsory mechanical inspection of cars, compulsory insurance as in Massachusetts, or financial responsibility laws such as are in effect in twenty-eight states and eight Canadian provinces, state or city drivers' license laws, and strict drivers' tests including regular physical and mental tests?"

Men who don't quite seem to grasp the knack of applying good taste to their every-day conduct are the pet of my peeve," says Jean.

Rowdy dancers, men who make themselves and their partners conspicuous on the dance floor, draw down the hearty disapproval of Anita Louise, Glenda Farrell lists "loud, noisy men" under the pet aversions" category, and Jane Froman detests "high hats."

Here are some of the taboos, as shunned by prominent picture girls:

Joan Blondell: men masher, and men with dirty finger-nails.

Claire Dodd: men-about-town, cake eaters, lounge lizards who juggle invitations, accepting the "smartest" without regard to friendship.

June Travis: men who go to night clubs and spend the whole evening looking bored or blasé.

So there you are men. If the shoe fits, you've got the list and you can take your choice: Mend your ways, or be a Leap-Year Wallflower!

Star-Lites: "Gold Diggers of 1937", fifth in the series of "Gold Diggers" musicals, will be made by Warners soon, with Dick Powell in the male lead. . . . Sylvia Sidney and Spencer Tracy are to be united into a new co-starring team in the story "Mob Rule" which is a story of national law enforcement and a stinging indictment against lawless fanaticism . . . Chester Morris and Madge Evans have been teamed in a story fit for their personalities entitled "Moonlight Murder", new and unusual mystery story which has the famous Hollywood Bowl as its locale. Other players in the opus will be Leo Carrillo and H. B. Warner. Yes, you guessed it! The story concerns a tenor murdered while singing a concert at night in the Bowl.

Let's Forget It—Was Mary Pickford's face white the other day when she tried every-which-way, and failed, to be part of the Mayfair Club Ball, highest social function of the film colony.

The hitch in Miss Pickford's plans came about through an oversight, a matter of neglecting to pay dues. She would have been more than glad, she said at the entrance door, to fill out check. But the attendant declined it. The annual fee is \$10.

All Well—Buster Keaton, that funny man of the pictures, who was reported a few months ago to be through with the movies forever due to a serious illness surprised all Hollywood when he showed up at the Mayfair Ball, all well.

To top this Buster has just signed with Educational for a dozen pictures, all two and four reel comedies, the first of which will be filmed in their New York studio. It certainly does our hearts good to hear he's as fine as silk again.

Do You Know: That Greta Garbo, although famed as the world's champion camera-dodger, has actually posed for 3000 portraits.

Through A Keyhole—John Carroll and his No. 1 attraction, Steffie Duna, having a late Sunday breakfast at Levy's Tavern . . . Katherine Hepburn back in town . . . Jane Hamilton and Howard Hughes making the rounds of the brightly-lighted spots . . . Marlene Dietrich is still sad about John Gilbert . . . Ida Lupino and Johnny Gates tennis-ing at Charlie Farrell's Racquet Club.

Inside Gossip—Last week's famous blonde star was Barbara Stanwyck and her companion at the Trocadero was Film Agent Vie Orratti.

What famous blonde star, known the world over for her sweetness, has the gossips talking plenty about her public appearances with her new leading man? He played opposite a girl in a recent musical who was skyrocketed to stardom. That's all for today. Wait till next week.

The Dallas Wallace family are greatful to friends and neighbors, for aid and sympathy during the illness of Mrs. Wallace and the loss of a babe.

League are promising automobile liability and property damage insurance, at such low prices at \$23 or \$29.50 for two years, or in another case at \$5 or \$10 for "membership" and \$2 or \$3 per month.

Automobile insurance policies are not furnished by these groups; they do not have licenses to sell automobile insurance; contracts do not unequivocably provide for the payment of damages to automobiles, claim for personal or property injuries, or provide the services of lawyers.

Charles Felton, a prolific promoter of "service" and "protection" contracts, previously connected with the Universal Automobile Service Company and Association and the State Motorists Alliance, all now defunct, is now operating the Automobile Owners Protective Association, 306 N. Grand Avenue, offering a contract at \$10 for membership and \$2 per month for private cars. The contract furnished is not licensed as automobile insurance, and contains in small type the following language:

"All dues paid by owner and disbursements by the association are voluntary on the part of each or both." (Underscoring ours.)

Another paragraph says:

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In considering any of these contracts, purchasers will do well to remember that the written contract, and not what the salesman says, determine your rights in case of accident; that reputable insurance organizations are licensed by the Insurance Department of the State of Missouri, under the Insurance Laws provided for your protection; that mere evidence of being incorporated as a company does not of itself authorize a company to sell insurance, and it must also be licensed by the Insurance Department, and you should demand evidence of proper licensing by the Insurance Department. If the salesman avoids this point, or if you wish to verify his statements, get in touch with the Superintendent of Insurance, Jefferson City, Missouri, or write, come in or telephone the Better Business Bureau of St. Louis, Inc., 373 Arcade Building, Central 2834. If you have purchased one of these contracts, on promises of automobile insurance, take all your papers to your Prosecuting Attorney at once.

#### HELL'S HALF ACRE

In the mountains near Hot Springs, Ark., is a queen of bowls, or lake, of small rocks which is known in the section as "Hell's Half Acre."

We are not accustomed to think of rocks as fluid, though coal has been crushed into small particles which flow, and quicksands separate readily to permit the passage of a heavy body and fill in and smooth themselves out when a hole has been dug in them.

The rocks of Hell's Half Acre are quite sizable and in no way comparable to the grains of crushed coal or of quick sand, yet in a way they act like them. Groups of visitors often amuse themselves by digging the rocks out until they have made a large hole, either in an effort to reach bottom, or to uncover "pirate's gold," supposed to be hidden in the bowl. The mysterious thing is that, upon returning to the patch a few days later, the visitors always find that the hole they have sunk with so much exertion has filled in and the rock heaps which they piled up have smoothed out, leaving the surface of the odd formation just as it was before they ruffled it.

Geologists explain that the formation was caused by a pressure fold which broke up a mass

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of metamorphic rock, Ouchita stone. Some people have thought that the patch was the debris of an outflow from an old volcano, but this is not accepted by the scientists. However, no scientific explanation has been advanced which will satisfy the natives of the section.

Though Hell's Half Acre lies in the midst of a section noted as having the second greatest diversity of vegetation in the country, it is almost barren. Only a few hardy lichen have managed to attach themselves to the stones here and there.

Another curious feature is the echo effects. If four or five people are scrambling over the formation, they can scarcely hear each other's voices at a distance of ten feet, because their footfalls send countless echoes running in every direction through the loose rocks, producing a bedlam of noise.

Prospectors have constantly been lured by the mystery of the spot. The writer, who is preparing an article on the rock patch for the American Guide, the Government's forthcoming 5-volume travel hand book, found that at the mere mention of Hell's Half Acre, the eyes of any old miner of the section will gleam and he will begin to mutter about "gold," "Spanish diggings," "Mexican jewels," and the "Lost Louisiana Mine". The precious metals have never been found in paying quantities in the Hot Springs area, however, though small pockets of extraordinary richness have been uncovered. The region, indeed, is a "land of lost hope" for miners, and everywhere one finds souvenirs of vanished dreams in the form of abandoned mine shafts.

According to tradition, there was one old miner and gambler who used to disappear into the hills near the rock patch whenever he had been cleaned out and return to town a few days later with a bushel of gold. He has played his last game and nobody knows where he found his stakes. Gone, too, is a Hot Springs doctor who thought that he had his chance to demonstrate his soldierly ability in the eyes of a nation destined soon to require the services of a commander-in-chief.

**BRADDOCK ROCK**

The sites of ancient cities of layers upon layers of debris, but even cities so youthful, so far as our civilization is concerned, as Washington, D. C., present illustrations of growth and overgrowth.

Recently writers have been de-

scribing features of the National Capital for the American Guide, the forth-coming 5-volume Government handbook on America. One was assigned to look up Braddock Rock. He was a persistent seeker and finally succeeded in finding it. The Guide will car-

rying which are required to make them tender. In most cases, the less-demanded cuts need long slow cooking by moist heat, the one exception being when certain mechanical means, such as grinding are used to increase tenderness.

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Possibly the reader never heard of Braddock Rock, perhaps he never knew that General Braddock landed on the shore of the District. Possibly all he recalls of the doughty Britisher was that he was badly defeated and killed at Fort Duquesne and that the remnants of his command were rescued from the French and Indians by the sagacious and youthful George Washington.

However, history records that the General disembarked from his ship on a rock and a pretty good sized rock at that. In those days, the waters of the Potomac river flowed deeply about its base and probably had done so for centuries. Braddock's object in coming ashore was to establish his camp for the night—the first night's stop on his way to the Ohio. Camp Hill, which centers at 24th and E Streets, N. W., is now the site of an unused part of the Naval Hospital.

As the demand for cheap transportation grew, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal was dug. It entered the Potomac near by the General's landing place, which was covered by the upheaved earth. For years, Braddock Rock lay buried and forgotten. At about the time that America entered the World War, and historical society learned from some old records of its existence and sent representatives to find it. Eventually, it was located by the chief engineer of the Naval Hospital eight feet below the surface of the open court of "H" Building. Today, it is surrounded by a brick wall and iron railing, a strange monument to the man whose death gave Washington his chance to demonstrate his soldierly ability in the eyes of a nation destined soon to require the services of a commander-in-chief.

**Hints on Meat Cookery  
For Balancing Budget**

Balancing budgets is the subject of much discussion these days especially in the homes where the food budget has been strained almost to the breaking point as a result of all the grand entertaining during the holiday season. So now it may be necessary to economize if both sides of the ledger are to come out even.

Fortunately, so far as meat is concerned, nutritive value does not depend on price. The less-demanded cuts contain the same kind of high quality proteins, minerals and vitamins, as do the choiced cuts. The greatest differ-

ence lies in the method of cooking which are required to make them tender. In most cases, the less-demanded cuts need long slow cooking by moist heat, the one exception being when certain mechanical means, such as grinding are used to increase tenderness.

There are many different kinds of stew, but they are all based on the same method of cookery, whether a stew is cooked in a casserole dish in the oven and topped with baking powder biscuits, made or seasoned with "shrimp" and as a standee in a crowded vehicle he cuts down the amount of possible revenue. His patronage wears out the springs of a taxi at a faster rate than that of a small passenger. It might even be proved that a person weighing 250 causes more wear and tear on the sidewalks, and certainly on the flooring of public buildings, than one who tips the scales at 105.

**Cooking in Water**

This method of cooking commonly is known as "boiling". However, since it has been found that meat should never be boiled, it is more frequently referred to as "cooking in water." The meat usually cut in one large piece, is put in a kettle of simmering water and cooked at this temperature until done.

Braising, stewing, and cooking in water are similar in many respects. Inez S. Wilson, home economist, briefly reviews directions for these ways of cooking.

#### Braising

Braising is the method used for pot-roasts, Swiss steaks, etc. First the meat is dredged in flour, browned on all sides in hot lard, a small amount of liquid is added, the meat covered tightly, and allowed to cook very slowly on top of the stove or in a moderate oven (300-350 degrees F.) until done.

Variety may be gained in this method of cooking by the use of different meat cuts, different liquids and different seasonings. Tomato juice, meat or vegetable stock or dilute vinegar may each be used as the liquid if desired. Varigous seasonings such as onion, garlic, bay-leaf, and other spices may be added to the liquid.

Economical cuts of meat suitable for this method of cooking are: chuck pot-roasts, chuck steaks, short ribs of beef, rump pot-roast, heel of round pot-roasts, beef heart, pork shoulder steaks, lamb ribs, and lamb neck slices.

Stews can be very delicious if properly made. The meat is first cut into small pieces which may

be a ready-made suit of clothes than the thin customer, though there may be in his garment, 50 per cent more material. When he rides on a trolley car the company has to pay more for the current to haul him than is expended upon a passenger of slight build. He may occupy double the space taken up by the ribald called a "shrimp" and as a standee in a crowded vehicle he cuts down the amount of possible revenue. His patronage wears out the springs of a taxi at a faster rate than that of a small passenger.

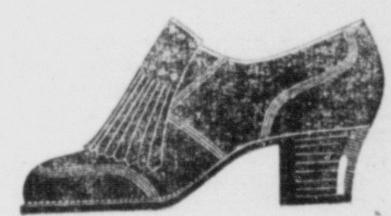
Cuts suitable for stews are the less-tender ones: Beef chuck, neck and shank; lamb and veal shoulder and breast.

**How About Girth Tax?**

Proposed by a German newspaper as a measure for conserving the national supply of fats, that all citizens shall be taxed in proportion to their girth raises some interesting questions. Here in the United States we have no shortage of any kind of food, and we need not solve a lot of problems. It would increase the national revenue and raise a fund by appropriate means for the financing of relief of the needy. It would discourage gluttony and thereby promote the general health. And it would suitably reward the efforts of that multitude of women who for years have been denying themselves the foods they like best in order to attain figures appealing to the masculine eye.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

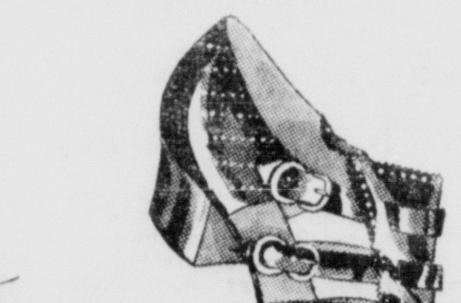
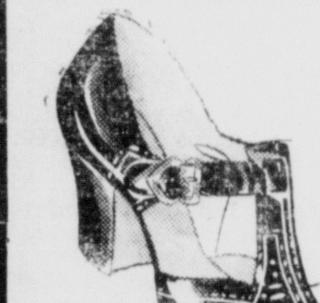
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CITY OFFICES

We are authorized to announce Dr. G. W. Presnell as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Sikeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

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We are authorized to announce Elmos Taylor as a candidate for re-election for Collector of Revenue for the City of Sikeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

We are authorized to announce W. H. Carter as a candidate for Police Judge of the City of Sikeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

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We are authorized to announce Thos. F. Rafferty as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth Ward of the City of Sikeston, subject to the will of the voters at the April election.

Over in Ward 4 Thos. F. Rafferty has announced as Alderman to succeed himself and asks for the support of the voters of that ward. Rafferty has not missed a meeting since has been a member of the Board, has at all times looked after the interest of his Ward as well as the entire city, is married and a member of the firm of Rafferty and Son. He so solicits your support.

The Democrats of Southeast Missouri have never before been in such good condition to start the campaign for State and National tickets as at this time. This is due entirely to the interest taken by the Democratic Woman's organizations and the Young Men's Democratic clubs. Nearly every community has an organization and we married men know when the women set their heads on anything they usually carry the point. The time is past for anyone to sit back in the shade and think he can, by direction, and dictation, carry an election.

Missouri's sales tax revenue for December, thanks to improved business conditions and heavy Christmas shopping, totaled \$1,034,576, or more than \$100,000 in excess of the November total.

## RECOVERY NOTES

Compiled by Dwight H. Brown, Secretary of State

The value of building permits issued in January was more than double that of the same month a year ago, Dun and Bradstreet estimates. The permit volume of 215 of the larger cities was placed at \$54,938,059 for January, 1935.

The U. S. Department of Commerce estimates that daily average sales of general merchandise in small towns and rural areas in January were about 10 per cent higher in dollar volume than for January, 1935.

The National Retail Credit Association reports average increases of more than 8 per cent in both retail collections and credit sales for January, as compared with those of the same month last year for the entire country.

United States Steel Corporation reports January shipments of finished steel products increased 59,899 tons to the highest January total since 1931. January shipments amounted to 721,414 tons, compared with 661,515 tons in December, 1935.

Missouri now has 26 PWA projects costing \$8,786,660.20 under construction under the Emergency Relief appropriation act of 1935. A total of 80 projects costing \$13,214,774.80 are either under construction or contracted.

Standard Statistics report the first 237 important industrial corporations that have thus far reported earnings for 1935 show aggregate net income of \$65,165,000, an increase of 48 per cent over the preceding year.

Bank clearings for leading cities for the week ending February 11 totaled \$4,345,145,000, as compared with \$4,253,511,000 for the same period last week. Dun &amp; Bradstreet announces. The increase is 2.2 per cent.

The Federal Land Bank of St. Louis broke all earlier records for volume in land sales by selling 654 farms for \$1,751,000 in 1935, according to P. F. Schwengert, manager of the real estate division of the bank. The farms were located in Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas, the three states served by the Federal Land Bank.

Business failures in the United States for the week ended February 6, numbered 209, against 220 in the preceding week, and 256 in the corresponding week, last year, Dun &amp; Bradstreet reports.

Is business good? The Western Union Telegraph Co. had a net income of \$2,243,084 in 1934; in 1935 its net income was \$5,258,073. The Chrysler Corporation earned \$34,975,818 in 1935 as compared with \$9,534,836 in 1934. In 1934 Crucible Steel Co. made net profit of only \$75,157; in 1935 its profits was \$1,268,176. The Missouri Portland Cement Co. lost \$19,697, in 1934; in 1935 it made 20,848. Montgomery Ward &amp; Co., sales in 1934 totaled \$261,412,543, as compared with \$306,101,505 in 1935, an increase of 17.1 per cent. Childs Co., restaurant operators, lost \$35,071 in 1934; in 1935 they made a profit of \$117,063. Total assets of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. increased \$203,694,360 during 1935 to \$4,234,802,511.

January, 1936, was a better month than January, 1935. Department store sales in St. Louis increased 3.9 per cent during the month. The Chevrolet Motor Co. turned out 104,193 cars, just 45,795 more than in the corresponding 1935 month. Kress chain stores increased 9.3 per cent to \$5,204,273. J. C. Penny Co. sales totaled \$13,964,419 as compared with \$12,924,114 in the previous

National Industrial Conference Board estimates the number of unemployed workers in December at 8,979,000 a decrease of 218,000, or 2.4 per cent, from its es-

## LAND FOR SALE

The Little River Drainage District offers the following lands for sale:

COUNTY	ACRES	DESCRIPTION	SEC.	T.	R.
Cape Girardeau	240.00	NW <sup>1/4</sup> , NW SW SW SW 11	29	12	
New Madrid	160.00	SE <sup>1/4</sup>	4	22	12
New Madrid	160.00	SW <sup>1/4</sup>	20	22	12
New Madrid	80.00	E <sup>1/2</sup> SW <sup>1/4</sup>	15	22	13
New Madrid	80.00	E <sup>1/2</sup> SE <sup>1/4</sup>	20	22	13
Soddard County	75.20	E <sup>1/2</sup> NE <sup>1/4</sup>	35	24	12
Stoddard	174.79	W <sup>1/2</sup> , N. of river	16	26	12
Stoddard	78.50	S <sup>1/2</sup> NE <sup>1/4</sup>	24	26	12
Stoddard	40.00	S <sup>1/2</sup> Lot 2, NW <sup>1/4</sup>	19	26	13
Stoddard	40.00	NW NW	20	26	12
Stoddard	40.00	NE SE	10	27	11
Stoddard	40.00	NW SE	34	24	12
Stoddard	160.00	Lots 1 & 2, NW	2	24	12
Stoddard	160.00	NE <sup>1/4</sup>	24	27	11
	40.00	E <sup>1/2</sup> Lot 6, NW	3	27	9
	19.80	N <sup>1/2</sup> E <sup>1/2</sup> Lot 4, NW	3	27	9
Bollinger	40.00	E <sup>1/2</sup> Lot 5, NW	3	27	9
Bollinger	36.67	Pt. S <sup>1/2</sup> Lot 1, SW	19	28	9
Bollinger	200.00	SW <sup>1/4</sup> and NW SE	20	28	9
Bollinger	80.00	W <sup>1/2</sup> NE <sup>1/4</sup>	22	28	9
Bollinger	240.00	NW <sup>1/4</sup> and S <sup>1/2</sup> NE	28	28	9
Bollinger	40.00	SE NE	29	28	9
Bollinger	40.00	SE SE	29	28	9
Bollinger	320.00	West half	32	28	9
Bollinger	120.00	N <sup>1/2</sup> NW, NE SW	32	28	9
Bollinger	843.40	All of section	31	28	9
Bollinger	40.00	NW NE	36	28	9

For information, write to the district's office at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Estimate of the preceding month and a decrease of 916,000, or 9.3 per cent below December 1934.

## TAKEN TO MEMPHIS HOSPITAL

Mrs. Erin Martinie of Chaffee, who was injured in two automobile accidents February 2, was taken Wednesday to the Campbell clinic in Memphis. Mrs. Martinie had been in a Poplar Bluff hospital since the accidents happened.

Tom Scott was in Chaffee one day last week and while here he told several of his friends he would be a candidate for sheriff in Scott county this coming primary. His announcement will appear in these columns in a later issue.—Chaffee Signal.

"AUTO BUG" HAS LIGHTS;  
RUNS DOWN WHITE GRUBS

In the West Indies, Central America, and northern South America, there is a large click beetle, which has on the forepart of its body two large luminous spots giving out so brilliant a light that it is called in some places "the automobile bug."

This striking insect so appealed to women of the West Indies that they once used it as an evening coiffure ornament, fastened to a hairpin with a thread. Dealers sold the beetles from small wicker cages in the market places.

The beetle is remarkable in another way. When flying, it throws a large brilliant spot of light on the ground, despite the fact that the luminous spots are on top. It was once believed that the beetle flew upside down, but this is physically impossible. The explanation is that in flight the abdomen is elevated between the wings exposing another luminous area where the hindpart of the body joins the forepart. It is a matter for speculation whether this ground light helps the beetle in landing.

The young of these beetles, say entomologists of the United

States Department of Agriculture, are beneficial in eating white grubs, a serious pest in sugarcane fields in these regions. These baby beetles also are luminous—so luminous that one in a dark room will shed light enough for reading a newspaper.

Thousands of starving sea gulls and wild ducks on the frozen Long Island shores are fighting aerial battles daily for possession of open water spaces in the ice. Game Warden David H. W. Benson said he had seen more than 2,000 ducks and gulls in aerial combat. An unusual sight to Sikeston folks was several gulls flying low over Sikeston a few days ago, forced inland to seek food.

## WHEN IT WAS A CHOICE OF KEEPING

either her husband or her tavern, Mrs. Mary Soja, 38, of 4126 South Ashland avenue, Chicago, filed suit for a divorce. She told Judge Desort she gave her husband, Thomas, a job as a barkeep when she married him, but he drank so much of the stock she had to close the tavern if she stayed married. The judge gave her a divorce.

Hitch-hikers thumbing a boat three miles out in Chesapeake Bay were reported by the Skipper of the ferryboat, John M. Dennis. Six hitch-hikers climbed aboard, he said, when his boat was caught in thick ice.

Artificial teeth made from glass are more hygienic and natural than those made from other materials, according to Prof. E. G. Christiansen of the Norwegian Dental High School of Oslo, Norway. He is also a practicing dentist.

Philippe Pettigrew of Montreal, Canada swallowed a little lead whistle when he was 4 years old. Last week at the age of 57, doctors found the whistle with a bronchoscope when they were exploring his right lung to find the cause of an irritation.

The first slave trade to be participated in by a British settler of America occurred a decade before Negroes from Africa were landed at Jamestown. The English participant was Captain John Smith, who may thus be accredited with initiating the traffic here, and the slave was a white boy.

We are likely to think of Captain Smith as a romantic figure, because of the glamorous story of his rescue from death by the Indian Princess Matao, or Pocahontas. All the world may love a lover, but Smith and the girl were not lovers. She was much younger than he and in rescuing him was very likely actuated by her general friendliness toward the English colonists.

Although clever and brave, Smith was after all a soldier of fortune in a day when military adventurers still roamed Europe, sophisticated and ruthless, ready to take orders from the highest bidder. Hence, it was not out of character that he should have been the first European to sell a slave on our soil.

The story of the first slave trade by a British colonist was found among old documents by writers who are preparing articles for the American Guide, the Government's forthcoming 5-volume travel handbook.

Jamestown was founded in 1607. One of the early supply ships sent to the colony from England carried a lad named Henry Spelman. He was as adventurous as Smith whom he probably looked upon as his model.

Henry remained with Powhatan for six months. At the emperor's court, he met the vassal king of the Potomac, who took a great fancy to him and, in this instance, the boy returned the liking. When the king started back to Pas-pan-zie, his town on Potomac Creek shortly below Quantico, Henry

contrived to leave with him. Powhatan sent a force to capture or kill the run-a-way, but they could not catch him.

Several years later, Captain Argall found Spelman at Pas-pan-zie and bought him from the king for a quantity of copper. At the time of Argall's visit, Pocahontas was also stopping with the king of the Potomac. Emperor Powhatan was expecting hostilities with the English and had sent her to stay where he thought she would be safe. Dreaming of winning a big ransom of corn, Captain Argall enticed the princess aboard his ship, "Treasurer," and carried her off to Jamestown.

Powhatan refused to pay for her release, so she remained among the settlers. She seemed not to have found her captivity altogether unpleasant, for it brought her in close contact with John Rolfe. They fell in love, as everyone knows, and were married in April 1613.

Captain Smith, his hero and nemesis, had gone back to England and Henry Spelman attended the wedding, free at last.

Your shoes go "Round and Round", BUT, "Oh, Ho-Ho-Ho," REAL shoe rebuilding "comes out here".

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## Personal News of Sikeston

Mrs. Ed Kendall, Reporter, Phones 761w and 137

Mrs. M. P. Hamby of Dallas, Texas, is expected here next week to visit Mrs. Boyd Scillian and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cooper spent Sunday in Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Welter were hosts to the Tuesday night club this week.

Members of the Wednesday club and their husbands were entertained with a dinner bridge, Wednesday night by Mrs. Chas. H. Boyce, at her home on School street.

Miss Virginia Elmore of Charleston was a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Elmer Grant, over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Frissell and baby of Cape Girardeau spent Saturday night and Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. Lon Swanner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wardell, who have been the guests of the latter's parents for three weeks, left Thursday morning for their home in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Wardell is connected with the U. S. Geodetic Coast Survey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Ensor and son, John Richard, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welsh and the latter's sister, Mrs. E. C. Flint, drove to Poplar Bluff, Sunday.

Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted, tf-42. Mrs. O. G. Walker and son, Marion, are spending the week in Memphis, with the former's parents.

The condition of Mrs. A. J. Matthews, who was brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard McMullin, is fair, suffering from an attack of influenza, continues to improve.

Mrs. H. J. Welsh entertained with a luncheon and theatre party Wednesday in Cape Girardeau. Her guests were her sister, Mrs. E. C. Flint of St. Louis, Mrs. L. L. Conatser and Mrs. W. E. Derris.

Mr. and Mrs. John Corrigan and son William spent Saturday night and Sunday here with Mrs. Corrigan's mother, Mrs. Betty Matthews.

Word has been received here that B. J. Murback, who recently underwent an operation for mastoiditis, expects to leave Barnes Hospital Friday, February 21, but will remain in the city for about 10 days. Mrs. Murback is with her husband.

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FOR SALE—15-acre farm all in cultivation, 5 1/2 miles south of Kennett on Highway 25. Has buildings. For particulars see or write Luther Felker, Sikeston, Mo. 41-39

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LOST—Gray overcoat with belt, between airport and school and Gladys. Notify The Standard.

## THE SIKESTON STANDARD, SIKESTON, MO.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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Sundays—7:30 and 9:30.  
Daily Mass—7 o'clock.  
Morning service—11:00 o'clock.  
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
Sunday school—9:45 o'clock.  
Morning Worship—10:45.  
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2nd Friday.  
Women Bible Class—4th Tuesday.

R. M. TALBERT. Pastor

CHURCH OF GOD  
Sunday school—9:30 o'clock.  
Morning worship—11:00 o'clock.  
Young Peoples meeting—6:45.  
Prayer Meeting—7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening.  
E. T. Fowler, pastor.

## Contract With Their Doctor

Tacoma, Wash.—Medicine by contract gives 25,000 residents of this city of 106,000 complete medical service at an average cost of \$1.50 a month—and pays the doctors a profit.

Three organizations have adopted the "pig business" tactics of Dr. A. W. Bridge, 54, to put the practice of medicine on a cash basis. Dr. Bridge's "medicine factory" has a staff of thirty doctors, 10,000 patients on contract.

A graduate of the University of Vermont, he came to Washington in 1907. Today he operates his own hospital, drug store, commissary, clinic and garden.

His patients sign contracts thru their employers guaranteeing monthly payments in return for medical attention they may need.

"We don't have to coddle our patients," Dr. Bridge said. "They get full treatment but our financing system saves us from having to listen to their family troubles."

Charity cases are limited to emergencies. Indigent patients pay their bills by working in the garden. Chatel mortgages are demanded of poor risks.

"This may sound hard-boiled," Dr. Bridge said, "but it all goes to make up my idea of the perfect circle of medicine. By eliminating waste and reducing bad debts we reduce medical cost to the patient."

One of the other organizations is owned by a group of doctors who practice it. It leases beds from outside hospitals, boasts of having no salaried physicians, stresses accident prevention campaigns among its 9,000 contract patients.

The other is the Pierce County Industrial Medical Bureau, sponsored by the County Medical Society. Dr. Lewis A. Hopkins, brother of Harry Hopkins, federal relief administrator, is its president.

Recipes for left-over meats are suggested by Inez S. Wilson, home economist.

Barbecued Beef Slices

Sliced roast beef.

2 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons flour

1-4 cup tomato ketchup.

1-2 cup water

1 teaspoon prepared mustard

1 tablespoon vinegar

1 tablespoon brown sugar.

Melt butter and blend flour with it. Mix with ketchup, mustard, vinegar, brown sugar and water. Bring to the boiling point. Reheat sliced beef in this sauce, and serve at once.

Au Gratin Meat and Potatoes

2 cups diced cooked meat

1 cup cold cooked potatoes, diced

2 cups well seasoned white sauce

1-2 teaspoon paprika

1-2 cup buttered bread crumbs

1-4 pound grated cheese

Combine diced meat and potatoes with white sauce and parika. Place in a baking dish, cover with bread crumbs and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in a slow oven until the meat and potatoes are thoroughly heated and the cheese is melted.

Voice: (From bald-headed cleric) Woof, woof!

Industrial employment in the South today is but 5.1 per cent below what it was in 1929, while for the nation as a whole it is 18.6 per cent below.

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BETA SIGMA PHI  
MET TUESDAL NITE

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MISS SELLARDS ENTERTAIN

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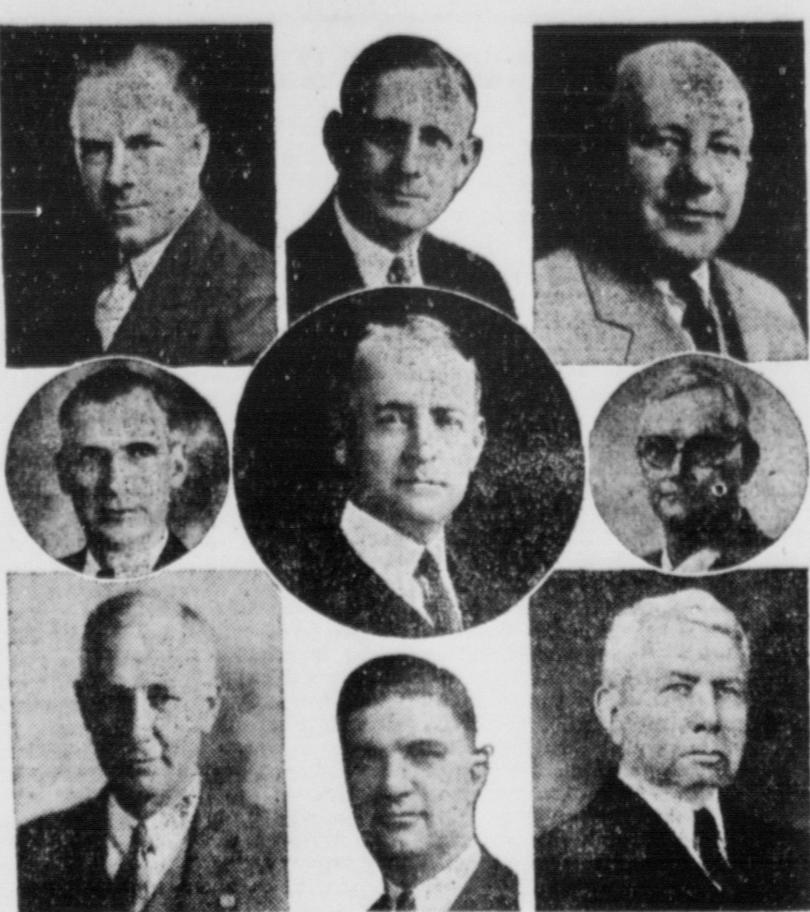
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Feeding, however, is not the only factor influencing egg production and hatchability, as housing and management of the flock play an important part and should be given as much consideration as feeding.

MORE HOME ECONOMICS.  
4-H CLUBS ORGANIZED

The number of 4-H and home economics clubs organized in New Madrid county is steadily increasing, a report from Leslie B. Broom, the county agent, shows. Home economics groups have been formed recently at Keweenaw and Marston and 4-H clubs at Risco and Tallapoosa.

Mr. Guy Stewart was elected president of the Keweenaw group at an organization meeting held in the Keweenaw school house Friday. Other officers chosen include Mrs. James Spalding, secretary; Mrs. Lynn Twitty, reporter; Mrs. M. L. McAllister, song and game leader; Mrs. G. H. Sheridan, child development chairman; Mrs. Carl Gunn, reading chairman; and Miss Lillian Anderson, parliamentarian. Fifteen women are charter members. The club will meet at 2 o'clock the first Wednesday of each month, the first session to be at the home of Mrs. Claude Beeson.

The convention (top from left): George W. Catts, executive manager Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; R. W. Brown, Carrollton, president Missouri Farm Bureau Federation; C. E. Williams, St. Louis, former chairman highways committee St. Louis Chamber of Commerce; (center from left) C. C. Chandler, Cassville; Hugh Stephens, Jefferson City; Thad Snow, Charleston; (bottom from left) S. S. Connett, Fauquier, president St. Joseph Automobile Club; George P. Marsh, editor Missouri Motor News representing Automobile Club of Missouri; and R. S. Brownlee, Brookfield, former member of state highway commission.

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At a meeting in the Marston Methodist church, women from the aid societies of the churches voted to join to form a community organization which will meet on the second Wednesday of each month. The separate church groups will continue to meet as formerly during the other three weeks of every month. Eighteen women joined at the first meeting, but since few Baptists attended, election of officers was postponed until the March session.

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Seventeen girls at Tallapoosa have organized a 4-H forestry club. Miss Mildred Milburn was chosen local leader, and these officers were elected: President, Selma Cole; vice-president, Audrey Lumley; secretary, Kathleen

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Since 1936, five attempts have been made to have the decree of banishment revoked. As recently as last year, a bill was presented in the Massachusetts general assembly, but the matter was postponed until the current session.

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Lions Join Movement To  
Lift Ban On Liberal

Roger Williams, founder of Providence, R. I., and an exile from Massachusetts for the past 300 years by decree of the Massachusetts General Court, will have the ban against him revoked posthumously, if plans furthered by the Sikeston Lions club are successfully carried out. Meeting Wednesday for their weekly luncheon, members of the club adopted a resolution endorsing revocation of the 300 year old decree.

In adopting this resolution members of the Sikeston club are co-operating with Lions clubs in New Madrid county which are uniting to further plans for the revocation of the ban. This action is being taken at the suggestion of the Providence Lions club, which will host the meeting on March 20th annual convention of Lions International in Providence.

The convention will be a

All late magazines for sale here. Subscription taken for any magazine desired.

## THE LAWLESS DAYS OF THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

By Max L. Kelley

This is the first of a series of articles, written by Max L. Kelley of Steele, that The Standard will publish. It was submitted to Mrs. Esther Marshall Greer, district supervisor of the federal writers' project, for use in the American Guide book which federal employees are now preparing.

As the moth is led to its doom by the glare of the candle and the adventurous fly becomes a banquet for the designing spider—the early pioneer—attracted by the supernatural beauty of the fertile Mississippi Valley, marched forth to his doom as an easy prey for the human vultures that infested borderland of the Spanish domain.

Thousands of emigrants from the North and East braved the dangers of the dark and silent wilderness to be slaughtered by the roving bands of homicidal maniacs, or land and river pirates that prowled through the valley from Cave-in-Rock to New Orleans.

The Harpe Brothers, "Big Harpe"—Micajah, and "Little Harpe"—Wyley, two cross-breed outcasts from North Carolina, were the first to enter the field of wholesale murder in the valley. For years they lived with an outlaw band of Indians, evidently the Naucocks, of which Tewaway, the Indian that was executed in New Madrid in 1803 for the murder of David Trotter, was a member.

After leaving the Indians, they settled on Beaver Creek, a few miles west of Knoxville, Tennessee, where they were accused of stealing horses and were forced to leave the country.

Day after day, they prowled through the wilderness, killing all with whom they came in contact. Scarcely a day passed that they did not kill from one to five people. They murdered men, women, and children, friend and foe, for no known reason other than to satisfy their fiendish craving for blood.

On one occasion, they split the head of a twelve-year-old boy, slashed his throat, and mutilated his body almost beyond recognition for a small sack of flour and a few dried beans.

Men's heads were crushed and their brains smeared on trees to make it appear that horses had run away and dashed the riders' brains out against the body of the tree.

They were cruel, heartless brutes that reveled in seeing the members of their own race suffer. They played with their victims as the cat plays with the mouse. Tortured them for hours

before tearing them limb from limb. Tearing at their bodies with bare hands and knives, until the poor unfortunate died from sheer pain and exhaustion, after which they would slash the body to pieces with their knives, crush the head with a tomahawk, and leave the mangled form to decay in the wilderness.

"Big Harpe" often boasted, "I was forged by the All Wise as a scourge to humanity."

On the night of July 20, 1799, the Harpes called at the home of Moses Steigal, an old friend living in the neighborhood of Red Bank, to spend the night. Steigal was away from home and would not return until late. The Harpes were sent up in the loft to sleep with a Major William Love, a surveyor, who was spending the night at the Steigal home. Love snored in his sleep, and "Big Harpe" split his head with a tomahawk. When Steigal returned, he found his home in flames, and his wife and baby murdered.

Two other bodies found in the wilderness the next morning afforded the newly-formed posse a clue as to the direction the Harpes were traveling. They were soon overtaken and "Big Harpe" was shot from his horse, mortally wounded. Steigal had sent a rifle bullet square through his spine.

Harpe, slow in dying, talked freely of his murders, stating that the only murder he ever regretted was, when in a fit of anger, he dashed his own babies' brains out against a tree.

Steigal could wait no longer.

He seized the dying man by the hair of the head, and with Harpe's own butcher knife, slowly removed his head from his body. As he drew the knife slowly across the back of the neck, Harpe, with the glare of a beast at bay, looked Steigal full in the face, remarking, "you are a G--- damned rough butcher, but cut on and be damned."

Stigal passed the knife around the short thick neck of the outlaw, cutting to the bone, and then wrung the head off, as a butcher would wring the neck of a hog.

The head of "Big Harpe" was nailed in the fork of a tree at Robertson's Lick, near Red Bank, where it remained for years.

"Little Harpe" escaped, and no more was heard of him until October, 1803, when he appeared in Natchez with the head of his new master—Samuel Mason—to claim the reward that had been offered for Mason's capture.

The great manhunt for the Harpes through the territory of Natchez and Knoxville had driven the outlaws north and west.

The country from Cave-in-Rock to New Madrid had become a nest of piracy. Red Bank was becoming the headquarters for the valley outlaws.

Samuel Mason, a duly commissioned Justice of the Peace and a highly respected citizen of Red Bank, had suddenly turned bandit. His daughter had eloped with an underworld character by the name of Kuykendall, a bad man that had had his ears clipped in the East and carried "devil claws" in his pockets, with which he stripped the flesh from men's faces.

Mason was furious, however, and with a forced smile that concealed his evil intentions, he induced the pair to return to his home. A party was given in honor of the newly-weds, and all Red Bank joined in the celebration. As the party was drawing to a close, Kuykendall was shot from ambush. Mason and his son had disappeared. Captain John Dunn, the only peace officer in that section of the country, followed and was killed and his body left to decay along the roadside.

For five years, from 1798 to 1803, Mason and his men terrorized the country from Natchez to Cave-in-Rock with some of the most daring robberies that had ever been attempted in the valley. Kiel boats loaded with mer-

chandise for New Orleans were hauled to shore by the Masons, the crew murdered, the merchandise carried ashore, and the boat sunk. They specialized in robbing the boats along the river, however, and they kept an eye on Natchez Trace, and traders returning from New Orleans, that had escaped them on the trip down, were murdered and their money and property taken.

Samuel Mason, a former member of George Clark's "Long Knives", with an excellent record as a soldier in the Revolutionary War, had been transformed almost overnight from an honest, upright, honorable citizen into a heartless homicidal maniac that murdered helpless men, women and children at the slightest provocation.

After three years of slaughter along the shores of the Mississippi, he still yearned for the respectable life. He lived in the hope that he could some day return to civilization and take his place among men and live as he had in the first fifty-four years of his life.

In the fall of 1801, Mason rode to Natchez, where he and his son, John, posed as retired planters. Free spenders and "high livers," they made many friends in Natchez. However, their days were numbered, and this trio proved the beginning of the end for the Harpes.

While strolling down the street one day, he was recognized as the man who had robbed Colonel Joshua Baker of all his horses and \$2300 in money. Mason and his son were tried and Natchez and found guilty of the Baker robbery. They were led out of the old log jail of Natchez and given thirty-nine lashes each and ordered to leave town.

The humiliation of the public thrashing was more than the old man could stand. He returned to the old life of murder and robbery, and the trail of blood left by the infuriated Mason from Natchez to Little Prairie will forever remain as a blot upon the civilization of the early days of the Mississippi Valley.

Six months later, on January 11, 1803, Mason and his men were arrested in Little Prairie, near the present site of Caruthersville, and after a trial lasting for fifteen days, they were ordered to New Orleans in irons, to be tried by the Governor General.

After a voyage of two weeks, Don Robert McCoy, captain of the militia of New Madrid arrived in New Orleans with "Little Harpe," the four Masons, John, Mason's wife and three children.

The high court ordered the prisoners returned to Natchez to be tried by the courts of the Mississippi Territory.

On the return trip, while their boat was tied to the river bank and most of the crew on shore, Mason and his men seized the boat, shot and wounded Captain McCoy, and made their escape.

Six months after their escape, "Little Harpe" and a man by the name of Mays returned to Natchez with Mason's head rolled in a ball of clay, to claim the reward that had been offered for the capture of Mason.

"Little Harpe" was recognized, and Mays as the man that was with Mason at the time Kuykendall was killed. After a short trial, they were led to the gallows field and hanged. Harpe's head was placed on a pole at one end of town and that of Mays at the other as a warning to outlaws that they were not wanted in and around Natchez.

The country west of the Mississippi river soon passed into the hands of the United States, and outlawry ceased to be a profession in the Mississippi Valley.

**Modern Woodmen Meeting**

Initiation of new members will be held Friday night at the regular meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America, in the I. O. O. F. hall.

The team from the Morehouse camp will be present as will visiting members from other towns.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

All members are urged to be present.

### DR. H. T. BLACKLEDGE DIES AT HOME IN COMMERCE

Dr. H. T. Blackledge, the only physician at Commerce, died Tuesday morning of myocarditis and complications. He was almost 73 years old.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Commerce Methodist church at 2 o'clock this (Friday) afternoon. Masons will have charge of burial service at the Oakdale cemetery near Commerce.

Dr. Blackledge is distantly related to several Sikeston residents.

His father and grandfather were Scott and Mississippi countians, but he was born at Ste. Genevieve on March 11, 1863. He attended in succession the academy at Caledonia, Franklin high school in St. Louis, the University of Missouri at Columbia, and Washington University in St. Louis.

He was graduated in medicine at Washington in March, 1888, and went soon afterward to Farmington.

After a year he moved to Thebes, Ill., where he remained six years. He had been practicing in Commerce forty-one years, and for thirty years he served as a physician for the Frisco railroad.

Dr. Blackledge is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Blackledge, a daughter, Mrs. Grace Williams of St. Louis; a son, Hugh Blackledge, postmaster at Commerce; and three grand children of St. Louis.

### SPKES ON SAFETY

The Rev. E. H. Orear spoke on safety and a comprehensive safety campaign for motorists at a Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday evening. The junior chamber, which is sponsoring a district-wide safety drive, has the support of Mr. Orear, who recently preached on the subject.

### CONTINENTAL AGAIN PROVES ITS FAITH IN NEWSPAPER ADS

Ponca City, Okla., Feb. 20—During 1936 Continental Oil Company will spend nearly 75 per cent of its total consumer advertising appropriation for newspaper space it was announced here today by Wesley L. Nunn, advertising manager.

Nunn also stated that the Standard has been selected to carry Conoco advertising this year, and that his company has again approved one of the largest sales promotion budgets in its history.

"Continental's faith in the dividend earning power of newspaper advertising is founded upon sales increases directly traceable to this medium," said Nunn.

"Last year, for example, there was a marked improvement in Company earnings, despite excessive gasoline taxes and other adverse factors. Sales of Conoco Germ Processed Motor Oil also reached an all-time high.

"Business is definitely on the upgrade. And we are confident that aggressive newspaper advertising, quality products and a high standard of service will make this the most outstanding year in our history."

The Printers' Ink general index of advertising activity indicates a 6 per cent advance in 1935 over 1934 and a rise of 22 per cent above 1933, the lowest year of the depression.

### THE UPS-AND-DOWNS OF THE COUNTRY PUBLISHER

A check-up of figures relative to income of The Democrat-Argus and the cost of operating the business during the year 1935 shows some rather interesting things, especially with regard to the support it receives from local people. Theoretically a newspaper in a small city or town receives its revenue from advertising placed by local business men, which most papers supplement with income from commercial or "job" printing which they run out.

The facts are that so-called "local" advertising handled by this paper during 1935 lacked a great deal of providing for the actual labor expense involved in its production—the pay roll, in other words, which had to be met by some means or other each and every Saturday. As a matter of fact, both local and foreign advertising carried fall short by just about one thousand dollars of sustaining the payroll—which is by no means the whole expense of operation. It is further true that the whole income from job printing (which is far from being all profit) lacks a little more than a thousand dollars of sustaining the means whereby the "ghost" can walk" regularly.

Take a look at the figures.

During the year 1935 The Democrat-Argus paid its employees, including wages, commissions, etc., the sum of \$8,043.12. Its receipts from all local advertising (exclusive of so-called classified, which is negligible) amounted to \$5,085.97. Add to this receipts from foreign advertising, \$2,262.94, and the total is \$7,348.91—approximately short of the pay roll expense by \$1,000 as stated. Commercial printing brought in \$7,143.70—short by more than \$1,000 of the pay roll expenditures. But one should reflect in this connection that the cost of stock, ink, power, etc., as well as labor, must be figured into this item and the job printer is lucky who makes a net profit of 10 to 20 per cent on the work he turns out.

So there must be other sources of income if a newspaper is to exist.

These are found in legal printing, subscriptions, etc., and usually these receipts furnish the narrow margin of income over outgo by which the rural newspaper is able to stay in business—and when these are hit by the many other demands it can readily be realized that the word "narrow" is used advisedly. For one must remember there is outlay for paper stock, ink, and other items which go into the "manufacture" even of the newspaper itself; there are expenses for current lights, rent, insurance, taxes, repairs, supplies of a dozen and one kinds. In most cases interest and capital indebtedness are to be considered and if there is anything left for replacements of worn materials, for new type, machinery, etc., the proprietor is fortunate.

Because it turns loose in the community to be spent therein more money than it receives from the merchants this newspaper is an asset to the business structure.

the story of The Democrat-Argus' private affairs nor to tell the world it has made money or lost it. Rather we would like to point a sort of moral.

Merchants and business men often look upon themselves and their patronage of their local newspaper as the bone and sinew of its existence. Without their "contributions" for advertising sometimes they believe such institution could not carry on. In former days merchants were disposed to consider the ads they gave the "feller that runs the paper" as a sort of civic or community duty, to keep the paper alive and to assure the community of the benefit of its "boosting" and other good work. Mind you, we would not say that this is the situation here, for merchant advertisers in Caruthersville place ads for only one reason—to attract business to their stores. We do not believe they look upon their home paper as a charity object nor do we believe they would contribute" advertisements out of the goodness of their hearts if they knew that without them the paper would close up shop. It is a cold business proposition with them and if they could see no benefit to themselves they would not advertise at all. In fact many do not advertise for these reasons. And this is exactly as we would have it, for when The Democrat-Argus can no longer deliver such business it will cease to solicit business.

But the logic of the figures is that this newspaper distributes more in wages annually by several thousands of dollars, to be spent in the stores and for various kinds of supplies furnished by local business men than these same business men turn in to the newspaper, for which they are immensely benefited by attraction of trade to their places. Particularly this is true because quite a large portion of the income accredited to "local advertising" is not really that of the merchants. It includes announcements of all kinds locally which range from notices to dog owners, for instance, by the city to advertising of basketball or football games, at the high school, as well as announcements of sales, etc., by the merchants.

There will be more merchandise and furniture. The machinery is one farmer's complete line. 1 pure bred spotted Poland boar pig.

Our last sale was a success, we sold 150 hogs, 50 cattle, all kinds, 60 mules and horses. This was very encouraging to the buyers and sellers as well as ourselves.

Our barn is located on Highway 60 were Lion St. joins.

## DERRIS DRUG STORE *A Clean Store in a Good Town*

The Democrat-Argus or orders his printing done in this plant not only assures himself of the best of service but is really doing a good deed in the way of keeping the ball rolling in the marts of trade. Suppose that you think this over—seriously.—Caruthersville Democrat-Argus.

### Personal and Society News From Salcedo

Mr. Carlos Johns and family of this community moved to Holland, Mo., this past week.

Earnest Tate of this community went to Cape Girardeau where he expects to undergo an operation. Clarence Cantrell and Charles Springs accompanied him.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Tate and son, Robert Carl, and Mr. Joe Tate visited Dallas Wallace and family, of Miner community.

Charles Steinig and family of near Morehouse spent Sunday with Mr. Earl Gregory and family.

Clyde Gregory and family spent Sunday in Morehouse.

This community is sadly grieved over the death of the new baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wallace, born February 14, who was named Martha Sue. Burial was in Memorial Park cemetery.

There are now 11,000,000 persons out of work. Industry has never employed more than 9,000,000.

## Saturday, February 22nd Is the next sale date for the Sikeston Auction Co.

We will have another big day. There is consigned plenty of livestock, hogs, cattle, 50 mules and horses. Everybody come and supply your needs.

There will be more merchandise and furniture.

The machinery is one farmer's complete line.

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**SALE STARTS AT 10:00 A. M.**

## Washington's Birthday Party Saturday, Feb. 22nd., 9 p. m.

Celebrating the

### NINTH ANNIVERSARY

of the opening of the

## Hotel Noble

## Arkansas Centennial Rose to Honor Memory of Courageous Boy Spy

A rose, as a token of remembrance for a boy spy who gave his life rather than betray his unknowing Union informers, will bloom soon in yards and gardens throughout Arkansas as the official flower of the Arkansas Centennial Celebration.

The rattle of musketry and roar of artillery are only faded memories in the minds of a few remaining Confederate soldiers as Arkansas looks back with pride today on its contributions to the Union from which it once seceded. But the story of David O. Dodd's unalterable faith in his war-torn state will ever remain fresh and vivid before young generations as the years pass. It is the story of a serious-minded youth who held steadfast with unflinching courage even as the hangman's noose settled about his neck; of a boy who chose to die rather than expose friends who placed their faith in him.

Federal troops held a tight grip on Little Rock in the winter of 1864, when David Dodd was 17 years old. Born and reared in Pine Bluff, but afterward living in Camden, he had made frequent business trips for his father to Little Rock. Each time anger smoldered in his heart at sight of the blue-clad figures who were to him alien invaders of his native soil, and he resented the fact that he was too young to enter the fight.

### A Chance to Serve His State

One January day the boy applied for a pass from Gen. J. F. Fagan of the Confederate army near Camden, which also included a request to pass him through the Federal lines.

"David, it's too bad you're not in the army," the general said as he issued the pass. "You know this country, and a bright young man like you could get us a lot of valuable information."

The words sank deeply into the youth's soul, for at last he realized how best he might serve his cause. On his way through the lines he formulated an outlet for future action. He resolved to keep his eyes open and every sense alert.

During the following days David made friends with Federal soldiers, and this was not difficult, for he was a likable youth and made no secret of the purpose of his business trips. From his new friends he received information of value to Confederate forces and he carefully noted the military positions of General Steele's Federal troops.

Hiding the papers in his boots David started home. He was granted a pass through the Federal lines for his return trip, but, as was the custom, he had to give it up at the first point of contact.

### The Capture of the Boy Spy

Near a residence on the Hot Springs pike just west of Little Rock, David Dodd was stopped by a detachment of Union soldiers who became suspicious when the boy could not produce a pass. He was hastily searched and the papers so damaging to the Federalists were found in one of his boots.

Under heavy guard the youth was returned to Little Rock. He was swiftly court-martialed as a spy and sentenced to be hanged. Repeatedly David was offered his liberty if he would disclose the source of his information. There is reason to believe that the Federal commander was loath to send the brave boy to his death. But the rules of that bitter war were inflexible.

In a few remaining days General Steele visited the prisoner several times. At last he, too, begged David to accept liberty at the price set. But David O. Dodd, young as he was, was made of stern material. He scorned the offer, which he felt would have placed a lasting stigma on his name.

On a cold, gray January morning in the early hours he was hanged as a spy on the grounds of the old St. John's college between College and Welch in Little Rock. He was buried in Mt. Holly cemetery, where visitors to the centennial this year may honor his memory by visiting his grave. A bronze statue of the young martyr stands in the city park.

### To Become Land of Roses

The David O. Dodd rose was chosen as representing the true pioneer spirit of the state as well as the spirit of youth. The bitter struggles of yesteryear are melted in time, but the memory of the boy spy shrdlueaoisrdhdm the brave lad will ever be fresh in the minds of Arkansans citizens.

Arkansas will in fact soon become a land of roses in memory of the boy spy. Parent-teachers associations are supervising planting of the bushes on school grounds. The United Daughters of the Confederacy, the American Legion, United Daughters of 1812, Daughters of the Revolution and other organizations are co-operating in planting the rose on high-

ways, church grounds, approaches to cities, and in other public and private places.

"This beautiful rose is a fitting tribute to the memory of a brave boy who stood by his convictions", Harvey Couch, chairman of the centennial commission, said recently. "In every community the memories of the past are the foundations upon which we build the future. The firm stand of David O. Dodd irrespective of political significance, should be a model for youth of today in meeting our present problems."

The rose itself, is a magnificent rich crimson, flushed scarlet, with well-haped buds carried erect, symbolic of the unflinching courage of a boy. And then the buds open into large beautifully shaped flowers in final tribute to the boy spy who held firm even in death. —Kansas City Star.

### BLUE JAYS DIVIDE TWO GAMES WITH BENTON

Charleston, Mo., Feb. 15.—The Charleston Blue Jays played their last scheduled game of the season here, Friday night with Benton. Charleston boys lost their game, 30 to 24. The Charleston girls won their game 31 to 10, giving them an undefeated season.

In the girls' game, Charleston took the lead and held it through the game. The score at the half was, Charleston 17, Benton 10. Bynum was high point for Charleston with 17 points, Yount scored 10 and Smith 4. For Benton, Boals scored 6 and Bles 4 points.

The Charleston boys took the lead in their game but the Benton five soon overtook and passed them. Benton continued to hold the lead throughout the game. The score at the half read: Benton 12; Charleston 7.

Charleston: Hay, 10, Hequembourg, 0, Taylor, 2, f orwards; Babb, 4, center; Goodin, 4, Gilliland, 2, Jones, 2, guards.

Benton: Smith, 12, Young, 5, Bollinger, 0, forwards; Beardslee, 5, center; Edmonds, 4, Lawrence, 4, guards.

Myers of Morehouse referred the game.

The Charleston girls have gone through their scheduled season of 11 straight games undefeated. They have scored 343 points to their opponents' 218 points. Yount scored 157 points, Bynum, 111, Smith, 48, Bonnifield, 18, Forister, 7, and McCulston, 2.

The Charleston boys won 7 and lost 6 scheduled games this season. Charleston scored 324 points to their opponents' 233. Hay scored 106 points. Hequembourg, 79, Babb, 59, Jones, 32, Goodin, 28, Gilliland, 15, Taylor, 4, Dalton, 2, and Stone, 1.

The Sikeston Standard \$2 per year

### CORRECTION

The Standard inadvertently printed the name of Joe Mathis in an account of a fine imposed in the police court Friday for drunkenness. The story should have stated that Joe Mathis was fined.

### BATTING HEAD AGAINST POSTS ONE WAY TO WIN A FALL, FANS DISCOVER

Fans learned a new trick Tuesday night when they saw Freddie Knickle and Eddie O'Shea wrestle.

The saw O'Shea get Knickle in a headlock and then rush him to the ring's posts to bat his head against the wood or the iron hooks that hold the ropes. They saw him stand in the center of the ring and glance viciously at the posts, and while they yelled for him to stop they saw him run to the posts and then back again to the middle of the ring. It wasn't hard to pull Knickle along after he had been struck a time or two, and O'Shea pinned him easily while he was dazed. The time for the first fall was nineteen minutes.

Mike Meroney said he did not know how the commission would rule on such tactics. The posts and iron hooks are in the ring and probably should be padded, he said. He awarded the fall to O'Shea.

Another meeting was to be held today (Thursday) at the home of Mrs. David Allard.

Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced open competitive examinations as follows:

Associate curator (archeology), \$3,200 a year, National Museum, Smithsonian Institution.

Associate public health engineer, \$3,200 a year, and assistant public health engineer, \$2,600 a year, U. S. Public Health Service, Treasury Department.

Full information may be obtained from Dave Reese, Secretary of the U. S. Civil Service Board of Examiners at the post office.

FUNERAL SERVICES SUN. FOR GEORGE L. ANDRES

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, February 16, at the family residence four miles south of Sikeston, for George L. Andres, aged 70, who died at his home Saturday, February 15, of

Carcinoma of the stomach. Rev. E. T. Fowler, pastor of the local Church of God conducted the services, and interment was made in Memorial Park cemetery with Dempster's service.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Anna Andres, he is survived by two sons, George C. and Jesse, both of Sikeston; three daughters, Mrs. Clara Newman, Mrs. Letha Casleberry, of Sikeston and Mrs.

### THE REAL DRIVER

3—Anticipates What Other Drivers Will Do DO YOU?

Almost any normal adult can learn to start, guide and stop a car under favorable conditions, but it requires a real driver to drive safely in emergencies. The unexpected actions of other drivers frequently cause motorists to do the wrong thing. The driver who can anticipate these actions usually will avoid accidents.

### SALCEDO-TANNER CLUBS MEET THURS.

The Salcedo and Tanner Community clubs met Thursday, February 6, at the home of Mrs. Sylvester Schuchart. Two 4-H club leaders were elected—Mrs. Schuchart for the Tanner club, and Mrs. Carol Kellet for the Salcedo club. After the business meeting a social hour and a quilt show was enjoyed. About 15 quilts were on display. Refreshments of heart ice cream and cake were served by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pitman of West Plains spent the weekend here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pitman.

W. R. Darter is ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. B. Patterson on Trotter street.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll moved into Sikeston, Tuesday, from their country home near Matthews, for the duration of the cold weather. They are living at the J. H. Kready home on North Stoddard street.

Mrs. W. A. Anthony was hostess to the Drum and Bugle club, Wednesday night.

John Ferguson, of Cape Girardeau was a business visitor in Sikeston Tuesday afternoon.

Lyman Matthews and daughter and son, Miss Patricia and Emmet of Farmington were in Sikeston Sunday to see their mother and grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Mathews, who is convalescing from an attack of influenza at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Leonard McMullin.

Dr. Drace, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist in Sikeston every Thursday. Glasses fitted, ff—Clay Halley, out of St. Louis, was a Sikeston visitor Wednesday and called at the Standard office for a visit. He was formerly attached to Division 10 of the State Highway Department, when Matt Murray first organized this division.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ancell, Mr. and Mrs. Shelley Hudson, Miss Maxine Jenkins and Bob Nicholson drove to St. Louis,

two weeks ago. Knickle referred the match.

### Neighborhood Personal News From Big Opening

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robinson and children, and Mrs. W. N. Robinson and son Willie, Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Moore and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Kem and family Sunday week. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McGill and family and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Vaughn were callers in the afternoon.

Miss Dorothea Hastings returned to her home Sunday, after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Joe Settles, of near Matthews.

Miss Ozeal Hastings, Daisy Willburn, and Rosie Frye were guests of Willie Mae Pearcey, Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Prueett and little son were guests at the W. G. Hastings home, Sunday.

Rev. J. E. Evans filled his regular appointment at Little Vine Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, a large crowd attended.

Earl Kem was the guest of J. H. Moore, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Bradford were the week-end guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Kem and family.

Roy Crawford and Arthur Newton transacted business in Sikeston, Monday.

Mrs. Ferrell Bradford was the guest of Mrs. Roy Crawford, Monday.

Connie Cary shopped in Sikeston Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Frye and family of Henderson Mound community visited Mr. and Mrs. Slim Frye and family the past week.

A QUAKE AT HAYTI DURING SNOW STORM

HAYTI, Mo., February 17.—The most pronounced earth tremors felt in this part of Missouri in several years awakened many persons far down in the "boot heel" district of the state shortly past 11 o'clock last night.

The disturbance was felt at intervals over a period of several minutes during a heavy snowstorm here. It appeared to be more severe in the vicinity of Hayti than at New Madrid or other points.

Residents here reported a slight swaying motion of the earth and said windows were rattled and in some cases pictures were shaken from the walls. Tremors in this area are common and residents pay little attention to them.

The Hayti tremors were recorded by the seismograph of St. Louis University as having occurred at 11:05:57 and 11:06:24 p. m. Sunday according to Rev. James B. Cacelwane, S. J. Director of the school's department of geophysics.

### Butlers Corner Grocery

PHONE 272 SIKESTON, MO.

BOLOGNA Pure Meat 2 lbs. for 25c

Sugar Pure 100 lb. bag.....\$4.75  
Cane 10 pounds.....48c

CANNED DEAL	1 No. 2 Turnip Greens 1 No. 2 Mustard Greens 1 No. 2 Spinach 1 No. 2 Cherries 1 No. 2 1-2 Kraut 1 No. 2 1-2 Hominy	3 Cans One Each	25c
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Today THE DIONNE QUINS HAD QUAKER OATS



WIN A \$10,000 DREAM HOME FREE!

Enter the big Quaker Oats contest. Send 2 Quaker Oats trade-marks with your letter of 100 words or less on, "Which of the Dionne Quins Would I Adopt?" to Quaker Oats Co., Chicago.

All photos won't be returned.

2 pkgs. 19c

CHILI CON CARNE 14 oz. 2 cans 25c

ALL BRAN 2 pkgs. 25c

PEACHES Special Dried 2 No. 2 1/2 cans 29c

PICKLES, Qt. Enriched Sour .15c

MUSTARD, Qt. Prepared .10c

IVORY SOAP .5 medium bar 29c

SOAP, OK or P. & G. 6 bars for 25c

DOG FOOD (Ideal) .3 cans 25c

Butler's Corner Grocery

The Right Store in the Right Town

Sunday afternoon and that evening attended the Hockey game between Kansas City and St. Louis, returning to Sikeston that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ancell of Cape Girardeau spent Sunday here with Mrs. Anna Ancell and family.

J. B. Moll attended a district meeting of Prudential Insurance representatives in Cairo, Saturday.

Mrs. Jene Bowman was hostess to her bridge club Wednesday evening at her home on north Ranney.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Crowe of the Buchanan apartments, went to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday to stay a week.

Miss Nellie Goodman returned home Sunday from Clarksville, Mo., where burial services were held last Wednesday for her sister, Mrs. Ann Calvert, who passed away in Long Beach, Calif., the preceding week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Cunningham of Desloge, Mo., are expected to spend this weekend here with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dover.

Miss Margaret Patterson office assistant to Dr. H. M. Kendig, went to Memphis, Tenn., Sunday for a short course of training in laboratory work at the Memphis General Hospital. Miss Agnes Story has charge of the office in the absence of Miss Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker, Sr., quietly celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Monday,

February 17, at their home on North Kingshighway. Only members of the family were present, as was the case Thursday, February 20th, when Mr. Baker passed his 83rd birth anniversary.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker are in fair health and enjoy their usual mode of living.

**Personal And  
Society Items  
From Matthews**

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Singleton of Sikeston were 12 o'clock dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olen Critchlow, Sunday.

W. H. Deane, Sr., attended to business in New Madrid Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hartzell had the following at 12 o'clock dinner Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Doolin and Miss Helen Hartzell of Cape Girardeau and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gray and children of Sikeston.

Donald Story and daughter, Mrs. Ann returned Sunday from Prairie where they spent three weeks with parents and grandparents, and Mrs. E. C. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Deane and family spent Sunday at the W. H. Deane home.

Mrs. Margaret Weissenborn spent Sunday at the W. Sheldahl spent the week end in St. Louis with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Depro of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Depro of Sikeston spent Sunday at Lafarge with Mr. and Mrs. Mart Johnson.

Mrs. Albert Deane and daughter, Helen and Betty Jo, motored to Portageville Saturday to visit Mrs. Deane's uncle, Mr. Will Moss who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shuckman and family of near Sikeston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Vaughn.

Mrs. and Mrs. Linn Price are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitten and son, Lyman, Mrs. Albert Sutton and Mrs. Ellis V. Reid shopped in Cape Girardeau Friday and visited their daughter and sister Mrs. Cline T. Hope.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis of near Sikeston and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGee and baby of this place visited with Mrs. Carrie Anderson, Sunday.

Mrs. Dimple Gurley is spending the week in Sikeston with her sister Mrs. Bert Gentry.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Jones and little daughter of Sikeston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. King of Sikeston were Matthews visitors Sunday.

**Lumsden-Spaulding**

Miss Leola Spaulding and Nelson Lumsden were married Wednesday evening at Anniston by Rev. D. M. Margraves, pastor of the Methodist church at that place and formerly pastor here.

Mrs. Lumsden is the charming and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spaulding, and is very popular among the younger set. She is a graduate of the Matthews high school, and has since been employed at a local store.

Mr. Lumsden is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lumsden. He is a graduate of the Matthews high school and has attended the Murray Teachers' College of Murray, Ky., and the Cape Girardeau Teachers' College. He is a young man of fine standing in the community and enjoys the respect and esteem of all who know him.

The young couple expect to reside on a farm south of Canalou. We join their many friends in wishing them a long and happy married life.

**PLAN YOUR GARDEN**

The garden should be a year round project. Now is the time to decide what you will grow. The winter gardening is the most enjoyable part of the work because all this is done with paper and pencil and requires no physical labor, says Anne Sillers, home demonstration agent for New Madrid county. In planning the garden be sure to plan for from twenty to thirty varieties of vegetables so you will have a large enough variety to serve two vegetables and potatoes during the entire year and the family will tire of none of them. Variety adds much to the meal.



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**SIKESTON STANDARD**  
JOB PRINTING

**DISPELLING THE FOG**

By Charles Michelson

A news dispatch from Chicago the other day recounted that Jouett Shouse had announced that Alfred E. Smith would lead two million of voters out of the Democratic Party next November.

Of course, political propaganda peddlers, like Mr. Shouse and myself, are expected to make extravagant claims of defections on the other side, etc., but it does not sound like an effective manifestation of the art of press agency to promulgate self-destroying nonsense.

Never in the political history of this country has an individual been able to deliver any considerable number of votes from one party to the other. Leaders have retained their personal following for themselves at times as did the elder La Follette, for example, but does anybody suppose that the Great Republican Progressive had he lived, could have turned Wisconsin over to Alfred E. Smith in 1928?

Voters change their political allegiance for many reasons, but they do not change because somebody else deserts to the other side.

Actually, voters refuse to get excited over any individual's particular disappointment or grievance. It always has been so, and just as invariably does the grieved one regard the manifestation as evidence of the public's ingratitude.

Perhaps if Governor Smith were leading his own revolt he might muster a respectable group, but those who might follow the brown derby will not march under the banner of the duPont Liberty League. Their admiration for the New Yorker was born of their faith in his championship of their cause against the very same interests that he now finds so admirable.

In any event, the one-time Happy Warrior has proclaimed that he is not and will not be a candidate. So speculation on how many will trail after him under other conditions is purely academic.

**Bringing Back to Memory**

It is curious to note the reaction to Senator Joe Robinson's pulling the record on Alfred E. Smith and bringing back to memory the latter's passionate resentment of the charge that he was Socialist.

Actually, the charge was that he was running against Mr. Hoover and all that Mr. Hoover represented.

Out of the pages of political history the Arkansas Senator, who was Governor Smith's running mate in the bitter campaign of 1928, drew excerpt after excerpt showing the Democratic presidential candidate of that day declaring for and promising practically everything for which he was arraigned President Roosevelt at the recent duPont Billion Dollar Dinner.

There was no escape from the logic and implication of the Smith political somersault, so the best that could be offered in retort and reprisal was that Senator Robinson was not the author of his own speech. Why it should be deemed difficult for a man who has been a public speaker for thirty or forty years—a member of the House, a governor, his party leader in the Senate both in minority and majority times, to voice his own sentiments, is not clear. Why he should have to get somebody to produce a speech for him passes understanding.

As Democratic leader in the Senate, Robinson has to be on his toes all the time—announcing policies, defending the Democratic position, answering assaults from the Republican side. In short, he has to be able to make a speech, and an effective speech, a hundred times in a session and make it right off the bat, for, in the fury of Senate debate, there is no time even if there were desire to summon a ghostwriter. Yet the charge is as familiar as it is incongruous.

I remember a few years back when Jouett Shouse was barnstorming from one end of the country to the other portraying the shortcomings of Mr. Hoover and fiercely demanding justice for the common man against the raids and forays of the privileged interests. That was when he was upholding the banner of Democracy against the Black Flag of tariff lobbyists and monopolists as vigorously as Alfred E. Smith had done a short time before.

**Eminent Pugilists Extoll League's Virtues**

At that time, Mr. Shouse, chairman of an non-existent executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, was under fire by all the Hoover defenders—Frank Kent, Mark Sullivan, David Lawrence, and a host of others—all shrilling at him that John Raskob was financing a campaign to "Smear Hoover." Now, of course, all these eminent publicists are chanting the excellencies of the "Liberty League" and are vibrant in their admiration of Mr. Shouse's duPont-ificial exposition of the high purposes of his outfit.

The most frequent charge in that other time was that I wrote Mr. Shouse's speeches. There was just as much truth in the accusation then as there is to the story about Senator Robinson's reply to Governor Smith now.

Here was Mr. Shouse, perhaps the readiest political speaker of his time, well-equipped to make his speech without notes, and many of his speeches were made a nation's length away from Democratic headquarters. Now, why on earth would he have required a ghostwriter to frame his vehement eloquence?

During the same period nearly

every conspicuous Democrat in and out of Congress was making himself heard through the newspapers or over radio; it did not make any difference if it was Senator Thomas J. Walsh, with his deep philosophy of constitutional law, or Senator Pat Harrison, with his inimitable humor and sarcasm, or Senator Key Pittman revealing what he had learned in a life-time study of the silver question, or Cordell Hull with all his tariff law—the utterances were all attributed to the publicity department of the Democratic National Committee. That department would have had to be an encyclopedia incarnate, as well as being qualified to act as construction foreman on the Tower of Babel if it did half the things attributed to it. If it were qualified to do all these things well, it would have had to be competent to fill all the faculty chairs of all the colleges.

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